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Sondheim left a legacy in Connecticut

Musical theater legend, Roxbury resident staged premieres, a show in the Yale pool, surprise visits

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The musical theater titan Stephen Sondheim was known for bringing a modern intellect and fresh concepts to a staid, traditional Broadway. Some of those new ideas first got tried out in Connecticut on the way to New York.

Sondheim, who was 91, died Friday at his estate in Roxbury.

Connecticut was not only the New York native’s longtime home but had a role in some of his musical successes.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” the first Broadway musical for which Sondheim wrote both the music and lyrics, had its world premiere at the Shubert in New Haven on April 7, 1962. It was at that pre-Broadway tryout in Connecticut that the show’s creators realized audiences

didn’t know how to respond to its blend of ancient Roman comedy by Plautus and early 20th century burlesque clowning. Sondheim began work on a new song, the riotously self-explanatory “Comedy Tonight!,” and the show triumphed.

The musical “Do I Hear a Waltz?,” for which Sondheim provided the lyrics to Richard Rodgers’ music, also had its world premiere at the Shubert, on Jan. 30, 1965. Sondheim had gotten so much acclaim as a lyricist, for

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Composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim gestures during a gathering at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., in 2004. The songwriter who reshaped American musical theater died Friday at age 91. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**



Sidewalks are installed on Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford, where there is a push to redevelop vacant, blighted buildings into an innovation corridor, with Bartholomew the “spine” of the initiative. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

Parkville is on the cusp of rising again

Plans envision thriving innovation district in former manufacturing hotbed

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

More than a century ago, Hartford’s Parkville neighborhood buzzed with manufacturing turning out bicycles, typewriters and even automobiles, a Silicon Valley of its day.

The spirit of innovation is again taking wing in Parkville, with a new push by city leaders and the private sector to foster a 21st-century hotbed of startups, particularly in advance manufacturing and cost-saving technology for the insurance industry. This, they say, is a good fit with arts and culture that have thrived in Parkville for years.

The plans envision a neighborhood of not only early-stage companies but new apartments, more restaurants, a parking garage and entertainment venues — all existing together in a campus-like atmosphere a short walk from Pope Park and West Hartford’s Park Road.

“We could be a Brooklyn, a small Brooklyn,” said Carlos Mouta, a longtime developer in the neighborhood and the

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Carlos Mouta stands on the balcony of the building next to Parkville Market where a second phase of the market is planned. Mouta would be a key developer in the neighborhood’s innovation initiative.

Variant fuels new wave of wariness

West tightens rules, but African nations decry travel bans

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press

LONDON — The U.K. tightened up rules Saturday on mask-wearing and on testing of international arrivals after finding two cases of the new potentially more contagious omicron variant of the coronavirus.

The United Kingdom’s changes came as Nations in southern Africa protested bitterly on Saturday as more of the world’s wealthiest countries cut them off from travel, renewing a debate over border closures from the earliest days of the coronavirus pandemic and compounding the problems facing poorly vaccinated countries.

Amid fears that the recently identified new variant has the potential to be more resistant to the protection offered by vaccines, there are growing concerns around the world that the pandemic and associated lockdown restrictions will persist longer than hoped.

Australia, Thailand and Sri Lanka were among the latest countries on Saturday to join the United States, Britain and the European Union in banning travelers from South Africa and nearby countries — against the advice of the World Health Organization. Health officials in the Netherlands announced that 61 passengers on two flights from South Africa had tested positive for the virus.

The cascade of travel closures triggered a wave of resentment among African people who believed that the continent was yet again bearing the brunt of panicked policies from Western countries, which had failed to deliver vaccines and the resources needed to administer them.

“It feels like these rich countries have learned abso-

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‘Blue Dogs’ raising money, speaking out

Moderate Democrats organize in bid to hold onto state House seats

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With Republicans showing new strength, moderate “Blue Dog” Democrats in the General Assembly are organizing and raising money to bring attention to their centrist politics ahead of the 2022 election.

“We are in very difficult districts,”

said state Rep. Kerry Wood, a Rocky Hill Democrat. “Moderates do come from the purple side. We need to help people with moderate backgrounds and opinions to get elected to office. Both parties are getting more divisive, and that’s more sensational and helps raise more money. The reality is Connecticut is much more in the center, so we just really wanted to elevate our voice and help those that have similar beliefs to win office. That’s really what the goal is.”

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State numbers show vaccination correlation

Amid Connecticut’s recent COVID-19 spike, towns with higher rates of vaccination have recorded far lower rates of new cases in recent weeks, state numbers show. The pattern is visible not only through a quick glance at the map — eastern Connecticut and the Naugatuck Valley are both the least vaccinated and most infected parts of the state — but also through statistical analysis. **Sunday CT, Page 1**

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such hits as “West Side Story” and “Gypsy,” that he was fending off offers from major composers so he could establish that he could write music himself.

“Do I Hear a Waltz?” was the last time he’d be solely a lyricist on a musical. From then on, with “Company” (1970), “Follies” (1971), “A Little Night Music” (1973), Sondheim took a strong hand in all his projects, writing music and lyrics but also conceiving and shaping most of them, and choosing his collaborators carefully.

One of Sondheim’s most audacious experiments, “The Frogs,” was staged in the Yale swimming pool in 1974 by the Yale Repertory Theatre with then-Yale School of Drama students Meryl Streep, Sigourney Weaver and Christopher Durang swimming in the chorus, to choreography by Carmen de Lavallade. The show, which starred comic actor Larry Blyden, reunited Sondheim with “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” book writer Burt Shevelove, and like that show drew from ancient comedy (in this case the Greek playwright Aristophanes).

“The Frogs” remains one of the most talked-about shows in the history of the Yale Rep, but had classic out-of-town troubles. It didn’t make it to Broadway until 30 years later, in a revised version (on a stage, not in a pool) starring Nathan Lane.

Regional theater in Connecticut

Connecticut’s major regional theaters have kept Sondheim’s shows alive over the years.

The Goodspeed Opera House did not stage a Sondheim musical until 1996, when Gabriel Barre directed the composer’s dark “Sweeney Todd,” about a murderous barber whose victims end up in meat pies. The Goodspeed also did a lavish, emotionally charged production of “A Little Night Music” (which features one of the composer’s biggest hits, “Send in the Clowns”) in 2001. The director this time was Darko Tresnjak, who a decade later would be artistic director of Hartford Stage. In 2009 the Goodspeed got silly with “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.”



Stephen Sondheim in his garden, in Connecticut in August 1999. FRED R. CONRAD/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Westport Country Playhouse did a lively magic-themed “Into the Woods” in 2012 that brought a cast member from the show’s original Broadway production, Danielle Ferland, back but in a different role.

“Into the Woods,” which finds anxious fairy tale characters interacting with each other (as well as a witch and a giant), has been performed frequently at colleges, high schools and (in a shorter, less psychologically intense version) grade schools throughout the state. Some lesser-known Sondheim works have also found favor at college theaters. Ambitious Yale students have tackled two exceptional yet famously difficult Sondheim works, “Anyone Can Whistle” and “Merrily We Roll Along,” numerous times.

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra did a pops concert tribute to Sondheim in 2013, with songs from “Sweeney Todd,” “Follies,” “Into the Woods,” “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” “Company,” “A Little Night Music” and “Sunday in the Park with George.”

In 2017, the Yale Repertory Theatre staged Sondheim’s controversial “Assassins,” which explores

the psyches of people who have tried to kill American presidents, just months after the 2016 Presidential election. Sondheim and the show’s book writer, Yale Law School alum John Weidman, took part in a live discussion about “Assassins” at the Yale University Theater. Sondheim joked that he “shouldn’t be here” because he was hard at work on another show at the time.

When Broadway star Terrence Mann (from “Cats” and “Les Miserables”) became artistic director of the Connecticut Repertory Theatre’s Nutmeg Summer Series at the University of Connecticut, he took the starring role in an exceptional production of “Sweeney Todd.”

A Roxbury home

In September of 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the then-90-year-old Sondheim made a surprise visit to an outdoor production of “Assassins” which the Warner Theater presented at the Pleasant Valley Drive-In in Barkhamsted. The show had a single performance before about 200 people who were inside cars. Sondheim’s presence was kept a

secret from the cast until after the show and because they were car-bound audience members didn’t know he was there either.

West Hartford’s Playhouse on Park chose “Into the Woods” as the inaugural musical in its new Connecticut Shakespeare Festival this past August. It was originally planned as an outdoor show at Auer Farm, then hastily moved indoors when the farm became unavailable.

Sondheim’s work is valued as highly as ever. A Broadway revival of “Company,” which innovatively makes the lead character in the show a single woman rather than a single man, has just opened after being stalled a year by COVID-19. A new movie version of “West Side Story,” the musical for which Sondheim wrote the lyrics, will be released Dec. 10.

Kenneth Fuchs, the Grammy-winning professor of composition at UConn, had a correspondence with Sondheim that lasted over 40 years. Both Fuchs and Sondheim had studied, 25 years apart, with the distinguished composer and music theorist Milton Babbitt. The correspondence began, Fuchs says in an email to The Courant, “in the

summer of 1977, when I was still an undergrad student at the University of Miami. He replied to my first letter and told me he was writing a musical “about blood and cannibalism” titled ‘Sweeney Todd.’ (!)”

Fuchs spent time with Sondheim in New York in 1979, just after “Sweeney Todd”’s Broadway opening. “You can imagine how enthralled I was to be in the presence of a composer whom I admired so much,” Fuchs says. “Although Steve could be a complicated figure personally, he always took time to reach and support aspiring composers.”

David Krane, a Connecticut-based composer/arranger/orchestrator for Broadway, movies and television, says, “My connection to Sondheim goes back to 1987 when I music directed the first off-Broadway revival of “Company” at the York Theatre. Steve wrote this note to me: Just a note to tell you I thought the musical aspects of “Company” were wonderful. Thanks — and congratulations!” Krane would later be music director on the first Broadway revival of “Sweeney Todd” in 1989.

“I moved to Roxbury in 2002,” Krane says, “as I knew that Steve loved it, and for a while early in my career we shared the same agent, Flora Roberts, who also had a country home in town. He was very private, however, and I never had the opportunity to visit him while I was living there.

“In 2013, I adapted music for the screen adaptation of ‘Into the Woods’ and worked with Meryl Streep in my Roxbury home as she lives in Litchfield County. When Steve wrote a new song for the film to present to Meryl, I had the honor of accompanying Steve on the piano in his Turtle Bay home. He cheekily autographed the music to Meryl writing, ‘Don’t f*** it up. Love, Steve.’

“When Johnny Depp, who played the Wolf in the film requested a new arrangement for his song, ‘Hello, Little Girl’ in a swing 1940s feel, I was thrilled to receive this note: ‘I hate to say it, but I like it better than what I wrote.’ It brought tears to my eyes. Steve wrote me detailed and encouraging letters when I sent him early musicals that I composed, and when I had the opportunity to work on his incredible music, it was a thrill.”

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force behind the thriving Parkville Market. “So when I tell people I want to Brooklyn-ize Parkville, I’m not ashamed. I don’t mind copying what other successful people have done.”

Mouta’s \$70 million conversion of the sprawling, former Whitney Manufacturing Co. on the corner of Bartholomew Avenue and Hamilton Street could be one of the first projects in the new innovation district, perhaps early next year.

The 290,000-square-foot, 3-story factory — about as much space as a Walmart Supercenter — would include 80,000 square feet for startups; short-term, co-living space for startup visitors; 189 mixed-income apartments; restaurants and a beer garden.

A significant boost could come to the district if the city is successful in vying for up to \$50 million in grants over five years from the state’s “Innovation Corridor” program, launched in October. The program is part of Gov. Ned Lamont’s broader, “economic action” program to spur the state’s economy, add jobs and revitalize cities.

The Innovation Corridor program stipulates that its funding contribute no more than 20% to a project, ensuring that there is strong financial commitment from other sources. The requirement seeks to make sure projects are economically viable.

Martin Guay, vice president of development at New Britain-based Stanley Black & Decker, said it is logical for Hartford to focus on manufacturing because of its roots in the industry.

But it also makes sense, Guay said, because New Haven has carved out life sciences and Stamford is focusing on digital.

Stanley Black & Decker, the tool and equipment storage giant, has partnered with the city of Hartford on the creation of the Parkville innovation district and is also a prominent corporate leader statewide in encouraging the growth of businesses that could result in more jobs.

“What the city gets — and the neighborhood — are projects that are invested in the city,” Guay said. “Because ultimately, the people of the city need to win for the strategy to be viable. And the way they win are permanent, good-paying jobs and benefits that are created over time.”

Stanley would likely benefit from working with the startups in the new district. The company has shown a willingness to collaborate with other companies. Its decision to hire HCL Technologies to handle its IT led to HCL establishing a presence in downtown Hartford with the promise of 200 jobs for the city.

Stanley Black & Decker had already taken a strong interest in Hartford. The manufacturer has established an advance manufacturing accelerator downtown and recently took the first steps in helping finance downtown apartment development.

Parkville is especially suited to an innovation district, proponents say, because it has the buildings, though some are vacant, others blighted. It also is close to ameni-



Natural light pours in from glass ceilings inside an area of the former Whitney Manufacturing Co., owned by developer Carlos Mouta. Space for startup companies is planned for this area of the now vacant factory. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

ties such as the Parkville Market, which is expanding, and a CTfastrak bus station. The area also is located in an Opportunity Zone.

Obtaining financing through tax credits, the Capital Region Development Authority, private lenders and other sources still will certainly present a hefty hurdle to clear. CRDA funding, for instance, through the State Bond Commission has slowed as Lamont has pulled back on borrowing through the sale of bonds.

The effort also will require more developers getting involved to diversify the sources of investment.

But Guay said he is optimistic that the first signs of redevelopment could come next year, with the district unfolding over the next five to seven years.

While an overall strategy for redevelopment is crucial, it will be equally important to just get a few projects off the ground to create a buzz.

“We need to hit singles and doubles before we hit the grand slam,” said Peter Denious, chief executive of AdvanceCT, a private, nonprofit that seeks to foster business development in the state. “Let’s agree on step one, use that as the ‘Hey, look, this is happening. This is real’ and build that and get it done. Then this begins to take on a life of its own.”

Building momentum

For years, Parkville has been a rising star for arts and culture in Hartford.

Real Art Ways, the contemporary arts center on Arbor Street, has been in the neighborhood since 1989 and two weeks ago announced a \$15 million expansion.

While the Parkville Market has grabbed a lot of attention in the past year and is now planning an expansion, the Hog River Brewery and the Know Good Market, a monthly food festival, have been staples.

The neighborhood certainly has been on the radar. Last year, the “Parkville Arts and Innovation District” was listed as one of 10 projects that could transform the city by the time Hartford reaches its 400th anniversary in 2035.

The start of a new wave of innovation gained early momentum as reSET, a business incubator and accelerator, took space in 2015 in



A tattered flag flutters in the wind around the building at 237 Hamilton Street, where it intersects with Bartholomew Avenue. A redevelopment of the former Whitney Manufacturing Co. is expected to include 80,000 square feet of startup space and 189 apartments.

the redeveloped Hartford Rubber Works building at the corner of Bartholomew Avenue and Park Street.

Sarah Bodley, reSET’s executive director, said she expects the concentration of innovation and startups broadly in Parkville will accelerate the momentum.

“One thing that is really unique about co-working and the accelerator model, you get to build that energy when you are in a group of entrepreneurs who are all tackling big, hairy problems together,” Bodley said.

Parkville Market offers a model for start-ups experimenting with new ideas or expansion to a second location, said Michael W. Freimuth, CRDA’s executive director.

There isn’t the barrier of a big investment up front or signing of a long-term lease, Freimuth said.

“If someone fails, it’s part of the system,” Freimuth said. “So, you want to nurture that concept for the neighborhood. So that’s what’s going on here. Stanley may be doing it in manufacturing, and the Parkville Market in the food industry.”

“Others will try in other technologies. Maybe some service businesses will come out of it. That’s what rebuilds the economy. That’s getting back down to the nuts and bolts of it, and that’s what exciting about Parkville.”

Space to grow

On a recent morning, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin walked along Bartholomew Avenue, talking

about how the street could form the “spine” of the innovation initiative.

Parkville Market sits at one end of Bartholomew and, at the other end, the 34-acre, former scrap metal junkyard just taken over by the city. On the quarter-mile in between are buildings — including Mouta’s factory building — that could be part of the new district.

As he walks, Bronin points to a parking lot just past the corner of Bartholomew and Park, with an old factory boiler building to the rear bearing the name of the long-gone Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.

The parking lot, also owned by Mouta, would be ideal for a 350-space parking garage “wrapped” with apartments and storefront space, Bronin said. The boiler building could become part of the project with more residential rentals, he said.

“There is a need for parking in this neighborhood,” Bronin said. “You know that if you come to Parkville Market at lunch or dinner time. But like we’re trying to elsewhere in the city, we’re hopeful that structured parking could open up other development opportunities.”

All together, the three components could cost more than \$50 million, according to preliminary estimates.

Bronin said the area also offers the rare opportunity for startup space to be next to the 34-acre tract that would be appropriate for larger scale development, while, at the same time, creating places for

people to live.

“There is the space to do those side-by-side here in a way there isn’t anywhere else in the city,” Bronin said.

Bronin said he doesn’t see gentrification as an overriding concern in Parkville because so many buildings are vacant, so residents won’t be displaced.

“It helps lift up the neighborhood, and if we are successful, it creates not just a vibrant neighborhood where people can live and play but also a neighborhood where they can work,” Bronin said.

Other opportunities also exist: a closer integration with the adjoining West Hartford neighborhood, little more than a block away; and an extension of Bartholomew all the way to Flatbush Avenue and a quick entrance to I-91, long sought by the neighborhood.

Buildings now occupied by other companies also could well figure into the district in the future.

For example, Champlin Packrite, a packaging company at 81 Bartholomew, had discussed a sale of its 80,000-square-foot building to Real Art Ways several years ago. But RAW decided to buy the building it had leased on Arbor Street as part of its recently-announced expansion.

But Rory Poole, Champlin’s chief executive, said the company still is looking to consolidate and expand its plant in Manchester. The building, which once housed steel-tube manufacturing for Columbia bicycles, has been occupied by Champlin since 1931.

Of a potential sale, Poole said, “I think it will be coming somewhat soon.”

Leasing startups

At the former Whitney factory, Mouta hopes to lease startups with space between 2,000 to 3,000 square feet, with his thought being that as companies grow they will stay in the city, perhaps moving to new, larger space on the nearby 34 acres.

Mouta said he expects to start conversion of the factory building early next year, with redevelopment spread out over two or three years. The creation of the startup space is the first priority, Mouta said.

He is still lining up financing but Mouta said he believes he is close to winning up to \$30 million in tax credits. Mouta expects bank financing will be \$28 million to \$30 million.

Along with startups and new neighborhood residents, he sees cultural diversity among shop owners and restaurateurs as key to revitalization.

Mouta immigrated with his family to Hartford from Mozambique in 1975 and grew up in Parkville. Mouta says he’s come up against plenty of naysayers on his projects in Parkville, where he has concentrated building efforts since the late 1980s. But he said he’s proven them wrong and the push for the innovation district is the latest evidence.

“I’m happy that Parkville finally — finally — is getting what it deserves,” Mouta said, “meaning that I’ve only been doing this in this neighborhood since 1989.”

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Moderates

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For the first time, the House Democratic “Blue Dog” caucus has formed a political action committee, seeking to avoid election losses in 2022 in borderline moderate voting districts.

The moderates are concerned they could lose their seats as the Republicans scored gains in local elections this year and because they believe the Democratic-controlled legislature has not taken enough action on issues like high-profile youth crime.

A less-active, smaller caucus had been in place for years, but legislators say the moderates became reinvigorated by the two new co-chairs, Rep. Wood and Rep. Patrick Boyd, a pro-gun Democrat from Pomfret who represents four other rural towns in the state’s northeastern corner. The group, which now has 27 members, fought successfully against tax increases this year that liberal Democrats proposed and Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont opposed.

‘OK to be pro-business and be a Democrat’

With wins in the Virginia governor’s race and strong showings in traditionally Democratic towns like Westport, Windsor Locks and others, Republicans believe they have the wind at their backs as they head into the 2022 elections.

As a result, the moderates held their first fundraiser two weeks ago in Rocky Hill drawing a solid crowd with lawmakers from Rep. Stephen Meskers of Greenwich to Rep. Jill Barry of Glastonbury. Meskers made history as the

first Democrat to win the shoreline seat in Greenwich since 1912, while Barry represents a town that trended Republican in the past.

With another fundraiser for the PAC scheduled in January in Fairfield County, the moderates know they will need money to run competitive campaigns.

The moderates, Wood said, are talking behind the scenes in a working group with fellow lawmakers to craft compromise legislation for the 2022 session to help stop a rash of carjackings and car break-ins that are often committed by juveniles.

“We have read everything the Republicans have put out and realize that this is something that needs to be done in a bipartisan way,” Wood said. “Crime doesn’t affect Republican districts or Democratic districts any differently. As the Connecticut Blue Dogs, we are not looking at this as a political issue but more as a safety issue.

“This is an issue that needs to be taken seriously. We are extremely serious about it.”

While dealing with complicated issues that often have no easy solution, Wood said the group’s overall message is simple.

“The message is it’s OK to work with Republicans,” Wood said. “It’s OK to be pro-business and be a Democrat.”

Can’t blame Trump in 2022

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford was skeptical of the fundraisings, saying that many lawmakers who call themselves moderates still vote the party line in the chamber that they control by 97 to 54. Several years ago, the margin was

much tighter at 79-72 — a level that Republicans are trying to regain.

“I think the proof of whether or not they are moderate will be in the voting,” Candelora said in an interview. “The membership of the moderate Democrats has been the best-kept secret in the building for the last decade. If they had 27 moderates and we have 54 Republicans, we should be able to control the building. I think this is more of a political posture that they need to take for the election cycle. These labels are a political convenience as opposed to a philosophical ideology.”

State Republican chairman Ben Proto said he understands why Democrats are raising money.

“I think it’s an indication that they know they have a problem,” Proto said. “At the end of the day, they’re saying they’re scared. I agree with them. They should be scared. They are going to lose seats, and the number of Republicans in the House and Senate are going to increase dramatically in 2022. ... The Democrats are going to have to deal with a tremendously unpopular president and vice president, and a tremendously unpopular Congress. They don’t get to blame Donald Trump for anything this time around. He’s not there.”

Crime has become an issue in normally quiet suburbs like Simsbury, Glastonbury, and Marlborough as various incidents have occurred in recent months. Like Wood, some moderates say legislative action is needed.

Rep. John Hampton, a longtime Simsbury moderate, said he was particularly concerned about four smash-and-grab daytime thefts on the same day recently near the Squadron Line elementary school and a day care center parking lot. The crimes involved breaking car

windows and stealing purses from inside the vehicles. Police released a statement that the perpetrator left the scene in a white Jeep Grand Cherokee, adding that residents should not leave valuables in plain view in their cars.

“First and foremost for me, as a state rep for my district, is public safety,” Hampton said in an interview. “There is work to be done on juvenile justice. We can address it on both fronts — on the enforcement front, but also on the support front for some of our urban areas and helping address the intrinsic issues that cause people to commit crimes like this. We realize that there is John Jones who makes a mistake once and moves on, but then there’s Billy who does it a dozen times with no repercussions. That’s a problem. We’re looking to balance both sides, but public safety is paramount for my district and all of our districts.”

For years, Hampton was a sometimes lonely voice in the Democratic caucus, the only House Democrat who voted in 2017 against the long-term labor agreement for the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition. Now, the Blue Dogs are growing.

“I don’t think we’ve ever been more organized and strong as we are now,” Hampton said, citing the efforts of Wood and Boyd.

Working with Lamont

Boyd and Hampton were key members of a conservative coalition in the House that included former Rep. Danny Rovero of Killingly. All three voted for a Republican-written budget in September 2017 that changed the political dynamic at the Capitol and led to the final passage of the bipartisan budget that was signed by Gov. Dannel P.

Malloy on Halloween. That budget included spending, bonding and volatility caps that have helped the state move toward a growing rainy day fund that could reach as high as \$5 billion by June 30.

“The mods have been around for a long time,” Boyd said in an interview. “We started to get invigorated in 2017 and played a huge role in that budget stalemate. With Lamont coming to office and new people elected, there’s been more interest. Kerry Wood and I took over and tried to be more organized. We found a natural partnership with the governor. ... The governor was a very good partner this year, and we were able to hold the line on taxes, which is a huge accomplishment.”

In the monthslong battle over the state budget, the moderates helped Lamont block tax increases on the wealthy that were offered by the tax-writing finance committee.

“The idea that we could pass a budget without raising taxes last year, particularly when the more progressive Senate had a lot of tax proposals on the table, the moderates tried to align ourselves with the governor as much as possible in order to hold the budget to centrist principles,” Boyd said. “The next logical step forward was to create a political action committee.

“Often, we hear from the extremes of both parties, but I believe most everyday people in the state are center-left and center-right. There are a lot of common-sense, middle-of-the-road Democrats and Republicans. But often all we hear about are Bernie [Sanders] or [conservative Georgia Republican] Marjorie Taylor Greene. ... Centrists are not exciting.”

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Shippers gird for pandemic crush of holiday packages

By David Sharp
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The last holiday season was far from the most wonderful time of the year for the U.S. Postal Service: Sick and quarantined workers, a flood of packages from shoppers loath to set foot in stores and a last-minute dump of packages from overwhelmed private shippers.

Postal workers who recall packages and letters piled up in distribution hubs are better prepared this time as they gear up for another pandemic crunch. But low product inventories and port and supply chain disruptions are creating new uncertainty about getting gifts delivered.

Already, workers are seeing a surge in holiday packages that began several weeks ago.

“A lot of the workers are saying, ‘Oh no. Here we go again,’” said Scott Adams, local president of the American Postal Workers Union in Portland.

The U.S. Postal Service and private shippers UPS and FedEx are bolstering their hiring — bringing in about 230,000 temporary workers — and taking other steps to ensure they don’t become overwhelmed by packages.

Nearly 3.4 billion parcels are expected to crisscross the country this holiday season, representing an estimated increase of about 400 million compared to last year, said Satish Jindel, from Pennsylvania-based ShipMatrix, which analyzes shipping package data.

When cards and letters are included, the U.S. Postal Service said it’ll be delivering more than 12 billion items.

“The pandemic is still here. The supply chain is a challenge that’s going to impact how people shop and how products move,” said Mark Diamondstein, president of the Ameri-



A worker carries a large parcel at the U.S. Postal Service sorting and processing facility Nov. 18 in Boston. Shippers are gearing up for another holiday crush. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

can Postal Workers Union, which represents more than 200,000 postal workers.

Despite the precarious situation, the Postal Service, UPS and FedEx are in better shape to handle the peak volume, and several trends could work in their favor, Jindel said.

More people are shopping in stores compared to last year, and people have been placing online orders earlier because they’re keenly aware of supply chain problems, Jindel said.

Most importantly, the shippers are adapting after their rough-and-tumble experience last year, he said.

U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who faced withering criticism last year but reported on-time improvements and reduced operating losses this month, says the service is ready for the crunch.

A year ago, more than a third of Postal Service first-class mail was late by the time Christmas arrived.

Tractor-trailers stuffed with mail were left idling outside some postal-sorting facilities. Packages and letters piled up in distribution hubs. Delays grew by days, and then weeks, in many instances.

Two things were painfully obvious. More workers and more space were

needed — and both are being addressed.

To get a handle of the volume, the Postal Service is transitioning more than 30,000 non-career employees to the ranks of career employees by peak season, hiring 40,000 seasonal employees, and leasing extra space at more than 100 locations to ensure there’s room for parcels.

The Postal Service installed more than 100 new package sorting machines as of early November, part of \$40 billion of planned investment over 10 years. Also, more than 50 package systems capable of sorting large packages are expected to be deployed before December. Combined, these expand capacity by an additional 4.5 million packages per day, officials said.

UPS, for its part, is hiring more than 100,000 seasonal employees across the country and continues to add aircraft and automation. It expects nearly 90% of its packages to flow through automated facilities by year’s end.

FedEx, meanwhile, is in the process of boosting its nationwide workforce by 90,000 across its operating companies. Most of those new workers are expected to remain after the holidays, the company said.

Variant

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lutely nothing in terms of support,” said Francois Venter, a researcher at University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said it was necessary for the U.K. to take “targeted and precautionary measures” after two people tested positive for the new variant in England.

Among the measures announced, Johnson said anyone arriving in England will be asked to take a mandatory PCR test for COVID-19 on the second day after their arrival and must self isolate until they provide a negative test. And if someone tests positive for the omicron variant, then he said their close contacts will have to self-isolate for 10 days regardless of their vaccination status.

He also said mask-wearing in shops and on public transport will be required and said the independent group of scientists that advises the British government on the rollout of coronavirus vaccines has been asked to accelerate the vaccination program, potentially by expanding the numbers eligible for a booster jab or allowing older children to get a second dose of vaccine.

One of the two new cases was found in the southeastern English town of Brentwood, while the other is in the central city of Nottingham. The two cases are linked and involve travel from southern Africa.

The British government also added four more countries — Angola, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia — onto the country’s travel red list from last week. Six others — Botswana, Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland), Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe — were added Friday. That means anyone permitted to arrive from those destinations will have to quarantine.

Many countries have slapped restrictions on various southern African coun-

tries over the past couple of days including Australia, Brazil, Canada, the European Union, Iran, Japan, Thailand and the United States, in response to warnings over the transmissibility of the new variant — against the advice of the World Health Organization.

Despite the banning of flights, there are mounting concerns that the variant has already been widely seeded around the world. In addition to the U.K., cases have been reported in travelers in Belgium, Israel and Hong Kong. Germany also said it suspected a positive case and Dutch authorities were testing whether 61 people who arrived on two flights from South Africa with COVID-19 have the omicron variant.

Italian authorities in the southern region of Campania were also investigating whether a person who recently returned home from southern Africa and who has tested positive for the virus was infected with the omicron variant.

The global health body has named the new variant omicron, labeling it a variant of concern because of its high number of mutations and some early evidence that it carries a higher degree of infection than other variants. That means people who contracted COVID-19 and recovered could be subject to catching it again. It could take weeks to know if current vaccines are less effective against it.

With so much uncertainty about the omicron variant, countries around the world have been taking a safety-first approach, in the knowledge that previous outbreaks of the pandemic have been partly fueled by lax border policies.

Nearly two years on since the start of the pandemic that has claimed more than 5 million lives around the world, countries are on high alert.

The variant’s swift spread among young people in South Africa has alarmed health professionals even though there was no immediate indication whether the variant causes more

severe disease.

A number of pharmaceutical firms, including AstraZeneca, Moderna, Novavax and Pfizer, said they have plans in place to adapt their vaccines in light of the emergence of omicron. Pfizer and its partner BioNTech said they expect to be able to tweak their vaccine in around 100 days.

Professor Andrew Pollard, the director of the Oxford Vaccine Group which developed the AstraZeneca vaccine, expressed cautious optimism that existing vaccines could be effective at preventing serious disease from the omicron variant.

He said most of the mutations appear to be in similar regions as those in other variants.

“At least from a speculative point of view we have some optimism that the vaccine should still work against a new variant for serious disease but really we need to wait several weeks to have that confirmed,” he told BBC radio.

He added that it is “extremely unlikely that a reboot of a pandemic in a vaccinated population like we saw last year is going to happen.”

Some experts said the variant’s emergence illustrated how rich countries’ hoarding of vaccines threatens to prolong the pandemic.

Fewer than 6% of people in Africa have been fully immunized against COVID-19, and millions of health workers and vulnerable populations have yet to get a single dose. Those conditions can offer opportunities for the virus to evolve into a dangerous variant.

“One of the key factors to emergence of variants may well be low vaccination rates in parts of the world, and the WHO warning that none of us is safe until all of us are safe and should be heeded,” said Peter Openshaw, a professor of experimental medicine at Imperial College London.

The New York Times contributed.

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Behind US woes, a common culprit

Be it high inflation or low polls, White House blames virus

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inflation is soaring, businesses are struggling to hire and President Joe Biden's poll numbers have been in free-fall. The White House sees a common culprit for it all: COVID-19.

Biden's team views the pandemic as the root cause of both the nation's malaise and his own political woes. Finally controlling COVID-19, the White House believes, is the skeleton key to rejuvenating the country and reviving Biden's own standing.

But the coronavirus challenge has proved to be vexing for the White House, with last summer's premature claims of victory swamped by the more transmissible delta variant, stubborn millions of Americans unvaccinated and lingering economic effects from the pandemic's darkest days.

All of that as yet another variant of the virus, omicron, emerged overseas. It is worrying public health officials, leading to new travel bans and panicking markets as scientists race to understand how dangerous it may be.

Although the economy has actually been coming back, there are multiple signs that COVID-19 will leave its scars even if the pandemic fades.

For now, in the administration's view, an intransigent minority that is resisting vaccination is spoiling the recovery for the rest of the country — forcing



President Joe Biden talks to members of the media Friday in Nantucket, Massachusetts. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

masks on the vaccinated and contributing to lingering anxiousness.

Asked why Americans aren't getting the message that the economy is improving, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said this past week: "We're still in the middle of fighting a pandemic and people are sick and tired of that. We are, too."

The state of affairs, she said, affects everything from how people feel about sending their kids out the door to the price for a gallon of gas.

The administration views vaccination mandates as critical, not only to preventing avoidable illness and

death but to safeguarding the economic recovery — and salvaging Biden's political position.

"We have the tools to accelerate the path out of this pandemic widely available," White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients told a coronavirus briefing. While he ruled out large-scale lockdowns like the United States experienced in 2020 and like those popping up again across Europe, Zients renewed the administration's appeals for more Americans to get their shots.

But on Friday, the discovery of the new variant in southern Africa had much

of the world acting to shut down travel from the region and contain a threat that the World Health Organization suggested could be worse than the ravaging waves from delta.

Inside the White House and among allies of the president, there has been frustration for weeks over the slow government action to approve booster shots for all adults. The regulatory process, they fear, contributed to misinformation and confusion around the boosters and means the nation isn't optimally protected for the holiday season.

Biden on Friday appealed for unvaccinated Americans

to be "responsible" and get the shot and for those eligible for a booster to get that, too. "That is the minimum that everyone should be doing. ... We always talk about whether this is about freedom, but I think it's a patriotic responsibility to do that."

Still, for all the hand-wringing over Biden's sagging standing with Americans, Democrats say a turnaround may be within reach.

"From Trump to Biden, people have gone from feeling like it's mourning again in America to feeling on the cusp of morning again in America," said party strate-

gist Jesse Ferguson.

"Getting past the pandemic unlocks the door for the economy, for our way of life and for people feeling less divided," he added.

To Biden's critics, though, it's a stretch to blame all the nation's problems on COVID-19 or to think that containing the virus will solve them.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, in fact, puts the blame for high prices on Biden's big pandemic relief package, saying recently: "There is no question what is keeping working Americans awake at night. Inflation. The runaway prices and unpredictability that Democrats' policies have fueled."

The lingering effects of the virus have taken a toll on the president's approval ratings, even if his handling of the virus has been seen as a relative strength.

In an October AP-NORC poll, 54% of Americans said they approved of Biden's job on the pandemic. That was somewhat higher than his approval rating overall and much higher than approval on his handling of the economy, at 48% and 41%, respectively.

As recently as July, 66% had approved of Biden on COVID-19 and 59% approved of his job performance overall.

In last month's poll, only about one-third of Americans said the nation was heading in the right direction, down from about half in late February.

Views of the economy have dimmed as well, with only about one-third saying conditions are good, compared with close to half in September.

'Dehumanizing' terms for immigrants targeted

States weigh axing words like 'alien,' 'illegal' from statute

By Acacia Coronado
Report for America/
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Luz Rivas remembers seeing the word on her mother's residency card as a child: "alien."

In the stark terms of the government, it signaled her mother was not yet a citizen of the U.S. But to her young daughter, it meant the family did not belong even though they were going through the naturalization process.

"I want other children of immigrants, like me, to not feel the same way I did, that my family did, when we saw the word 'alien,'" said Rivas, now an assemblywoman in the California Legislature.

The Democratic lawmaker sought to retire the term and this year authored a bill — since signed into law — that replaces the use of "alien" in state statutes with other terms such as "noncitizen" or "immigrant." Her effort was inspired by a similar shift earlier this year by the Biden administration.

Immigrants and immigrant-rights groups say the term, especially when

combined with "illegal," is dehumanizing and can have a harmful effect on immigration policy.

The word became a focal point of debate in several states earlier this year as the number of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border swelled and led to fierce backlash against Biden administration policies by Republican governors and lawmakers.

Lawmakers in at least seven states considered eliminating use of "alien" and "illegal" in state statutes this year and replacing them with descriptions such as "undocumented" and "noncitizen," according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Only two states, California and Colorado, actually made the change.

State Sen. Julie Gonzales, who co-sponsored the new Colorado law, said during a legislative committee hearing that words such as "illegal" were "dehumanizing and derogatory" when applied to immigrants. Gonzales said the legislation aimed to remove the only place in Colorado statute where "illegal alien" was used to describe people living in the U.S. illegally.

"That language has been offensive for many people," she said. "And some of the

rationale behind that is really rooted in this idea that a person can certainly commit an illegal act, but no human being themselves is illegal."

Using "alien" to describe those who are not U.S. citizens has a long history, dating to the nation's first naturalization law, passed while George Washington was president. Fearing a war with France, Congress also passed the Alien and Sedition Acts in 1798, which sought to suppress political subversion.

Sage Naumann, spokesperson for the Colorado Senate Republicans, said the Democratic-controlled Legislature should be spending its time on matters of deeper importance to residents, such as taking steps to fight inflation, tackle crime and improve education.

The Biden administration received some pushback after its change in policy.

In April, U.S. Customs and Border Protection ordered employees to avoid the word "alien" in internal documents and public communications and instead use "noncitizen" or "migrant." "Illegal alien" also was out, to be replaced by descriptions such as "undocumented noncitizen."

"We enforce our nation's



Rosalidia Dardon, 54, sits in a refugee house Nov. 4 in Texas, awaiting asylum or a protected immigration status. ACACIA CORONADO/REPORT FOR AMERICA

laws while also maintaining the dignity of every individual with whom we interact," Troy Miller, acting commissioner, wrote to employees of the largest U.S. law enforcement agency, which includes the Border Patrol.

Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott objected, writing that the edict contradicted language in criminal statutes — although Miller made an exception for legal documents — and plunged the agency into a partisan debate. Scott, a Trump-era appointee, refused to sign off

on the order and believes his outspokenness on that and other issues contributed to him being forced out of his position in June.

The Associated Press found that more than a dozen states still use the terms "alien" or "illegal" in statutes referring to immigrants.

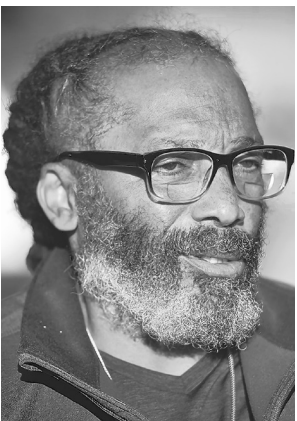
After fleeing violence in El Salvador, Rosalidia Dardon spent 16 months in an immigration detention center in California before arriving at a refugee home in Texas in 2016. She was deter-

mined to find a job while she sought asylum but had lost her work visa after her protected status expired.

Dardon, 54, blames the ankle monitor she was forced to wear and the description of immigrants with terms such as "illegal" for a job search marked by rejection.

One moment is frozen in her memory.

"I won't give you a job because you are a criminal," Dardon told the AP in Spanish, repeating what a hiring manager in Texas said to her.



Kevin Strickland spent 43 years in prison for murders he did not commit. TAMMY LJUNGBLAD/KANSAS CITY STAR

\$1.3M raised to help Mo. man exonerated after 43 years

By Christine Chung
and Claire Fahy
The New York Times

Kevin Strickland left a Missouri prison penniless Tuesday after serving more than 40 years for a triple murder that he did not commit, but more than 20,000 strangers have donated about \$1.3 million to an online fundraiser to help his reentry to society.

He was exonerated without DNA evidence, which disqualified him from being

compensated by the state, despite spending decades behind bars, his lawyers said. Strickland, 62, said Friday that the community did not owe him anything for his wrongful imprisonment.

"The courts failed me, and that's who should be trying to make my life a little more comfortable," he said. "I really do appreciate the donations and contributions they made to try to help me acclimate to society."

The online fundraiser,

organized by the Midwest Innocence Project, was set up by Tricia Rojo Bushnell, one of his lawyers and the project's executive director.

Strickland will receive the full amount of the donations as soon as he has a bank account to transfer it into, Bushnell said. The Midwest Innocence Project will also set him up with a financial adviser to help him structure the money.

Strickland was convicted in 1979 of killing three people in Kansas City

the year before. The only eyewitness had picked Strickland from a lineup. Strickland was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 50 years.

One of the two other men who pleaded guilty to the murders maintained that Strickland played no part in the killings, and the sole eyewitness later recanted her testimony, Judge James E. Welsh of Missouri's Western District Court of Appeals noted in his decision to

exonerate Strickland.

The exoneration advanced after the passage this year of a state law allowing prosecutors to hold hearings for potential wrongful convictions for which there was new evidence.

Strickland said he would have liked to receive apologies from top state officials but is not dwelling on it.

There are other life plans to attend to, he said, like pursuing his dream of buying a small piece of land outside of a city.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Afghan PM defends Taliban rule amid nation's many crises

From news services

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's Taliban prime minister defended the group's rule in a public address Saturday, saying it was not to blame for a worsening economic crisis and is working to repair the corruption of the ousted government. He also dismissed international pressure for the formation of a more inclusive Cabinet.

The half-hour audio played on state-run media was the first such public address by Mohammed Hassan Akhund since the Taliban captured Kabul and secured their rule over the country three months ago. The Taliban takeover led to a shut-off of international aid to the government and the blocking of billions of dollars in Afghan assets held abroad, worsening an already crumbling economy.

Akhund said the problems of worsening unemployment and the financial meltdown had begun under the previous, U.S.-backed government, adding that Afghans should not believe claims that the Taliban were to blame.

"Nation, be vigilant. Those left over from the previous government in hiding are ... causing anxiety, misleading the people to distrust their government," he said.

The ousted government had run "the weakest system in the world," he said, pointing to pervasive corruption. In contrast, he said, the Taliban are eliminating corruption and have brought security around the country.

Akhund said that the group had formed committees to try to resolve the economic crisis and pay salaries to government employees, who have largely gone without pay for months.

U.N. officials have warned of a humanitarian crisis with

millions of Afghans plunging deeper into poverty and facing hunger — with increasing numbers on the verge of starvation. Afghanistan has been hit by one of its worst famines in decades, and the economic collapse has meant many people are unable to afford food.

The United States and other countries have refused to recognize the Taliban government until it includes more of Afghanistan's ethnic and political spectrum — as well as women — and until it guarantees women's rights.

All the ministers in the current Cabinet come from the Taliban's ranks. The Taliban have not completely barred women from the public sphere as they did during their previous rule in the late 1990s. But they have ordered most women government employees not to come to work and have not let high school girls return to school, though they allowed younger girls.

Russia coal mine blast: A Russian court on Saturday ordered five people to remain in pretrial detention for two months pending an investigation into a devastating blast in a coal mine in Siberia that resulted in dozens of deaths.

Russian authorities reported 51 deaths after a methane explosion rocked the Listvyazhnaya mine in the Kemerovo region in southwestern Siberia on Thursday — 46 miners and five rescuers. The tragedy appears to be the deadliest in Russia since 2010.

The Central District Court in the city of Kemerovo ruled to jail the director of the Listvyazhnaya mine, Sergei Makhrakov, his deputy Andrei Molostvov and section supervisor Sergei Gerasimenok. They are facing charges of violating industrial safety



Protesters take to the streets of Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou on Saturday, calling for President Roch Marc Christian Kabore to resign. Security forces fired tear gas at the protesters amid tensions across the nation with the population angry at the government's inability to stem violence linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. **SOPHIE GARCIA/AP**

requirements for hazardous production facilities that resulted in multiple deaths. If convicted, they may be imprisoned for up to seven years.

Two officials of the local branch of Rostekhnadzor, Russia's state technology and ecology watchdog — Sergei Vinokurov and Vyacheslav Semykin — have also been jailed for two months on the charge of negligence that led to two or more deaths, punishable by up to seven years in prison as well.

Law enforcement officials said Friday that miners had complained about the high level of methane in the mine.

Some 285 miners were in the Listvyazhnaya mine Thursday morning at the time of explosion, which quickly filled the mine with toxic smoke. A total of 239 people were rescued shortly after the blast, and more than 60 sought medical assistance for an assortment of injuries.

Wright Bros. bike shop: The Dayton Board of Zoning Appeals has approved the city's request to demolish a 129-year-old historic Ohio building that once was the site of the Wright brothers' first bike shop.

The city wants to tear down the site because the building has deteriorated to a point where it can no longer be maintained and redeveloped, the Dayton Daily News has reported. Public safety concerns have also been raised by some who fear the building could collapse.

While agreeing that most of the building should be demolished, the Dayton Landmarks Commission rejected the demolition request in September. The panel instead recommended that the city re-advertise the property and encourage its renovation in a way that preserves the historic facade.

Germany coronavirus: Germany's health minister said Saturday he hopes that

the sight of air force planes transferring patients across the country will act as a "wake-up call" to millions who are still holding out on getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Health Minister Jens Spahn said there has been a welcome increase over the past week in the number of people getting their first shots, with 450,000 recorded. He put that down to pressure from Germany's worsening coronavirus situation and to increasing requirements to people to provide proof of vaccination or recent recovery to take part in many activities.

But it's still not enough and "this figure of nearly 12 million unvaccinated adults is still far, far too high," Spahn said at an online town hall event.

Medical students rewarded: For 956 students at one of the largest historically Black medical colleges, an unexpected gift of gratitude arrived in their bank

accounts just in time for Thanksgiving.

The students, from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, have been pivotal in helping their city keep coronavirus testing sites staffed for the last 19 months — and, more recently, in helping run vaccination clinics.

That work inspired Dr. James Hildreth, Meharry's president, to send each student \$10,000 on Wednesday.

The money comes from the \$40 billion in federal coronavirus relief funds earmarked for colleges and universities. Schools are required to spend at least half on emergency grants to students. Hildreth did not tell Meharry students how to spend the cash infusion, although he did offer advice.

"We felt that there was no better way to begin distributing these funds than by giving to our students who will soon give so much to our world," Hildreth told the students in a video.

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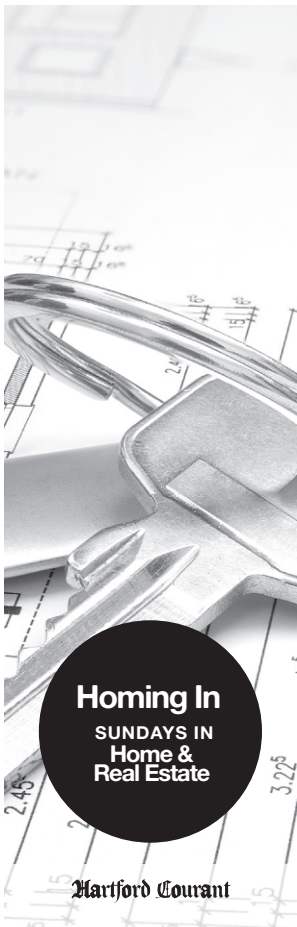
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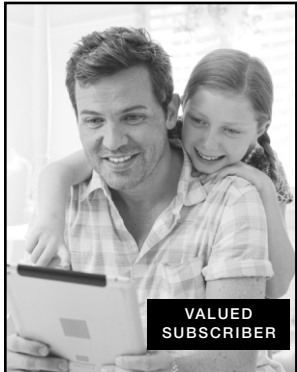
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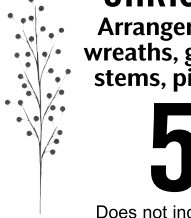
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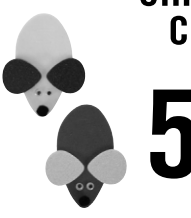


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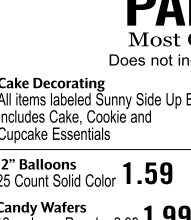
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Vet death stresses mental illness toll

Army whistleblower revealed detainee abuse as he got sicker

By Jennifer Steinhauer
The New York Times

Ian Fishback saw the world as cleaved between the just and unjust, the exemplary and the erring. A scholar-athlete from a small town in northern Michigan, he chose the military as his path toward a principled life, and when the Army failed its own credo during the war in Iraq, he persisted in making the truth known.

Fishback, who had retired from the Army, died this month, in circumstances still unclear, alone and broke in a group home, convinced he was being persecuted by the very forces he had once embraced. He was 42.

The short life and need-less death of Fishback underscore the costs of two decades of war far beyond the battlefields and the overall strain on the nation's mental health system. He is one of many high-profile veterans of the global war on terrorism whose lives have ended in tragedy.

"There are many potential root causes here," said Rep. Tom Malinowski, D-N.J., referring to Fishback's decline. Malinowski was director of Human Rights Watch when he first met Fishback in 2005 and connected him with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who also wanted to expose wrongdoing in Iraq.

"There is a veteran mental health crisis in this country, and there is a shortage of facilities and of helpers," he said. "We panic when we are running out of ICU beds in America, but we accept that we don't have enough mental health beds."

A shortage of psychiatrists, psychologists and psychiatric nurse practitioners across the United States has worsened during the pandemic, mental health experts say, and lawmakers



Major Ian Fishback with his mother, left, and sister in 2003. He died awaiting a bed at the VA. THE FISHBACK FAMILY

have struggled to find a solution. Staffing shortages at the Department of Veterans Affairs may have hampered access to care, possibly including for Fishback.

In 2005, as an Army captain, he revealed that fellow members of the 82nd Airborne Division had systematically abused detainees in Iraq. His allegations led to the passage of far-reaching anti-torture legislation championed by McCain.

Fishback, who served four combat tours in Iraq, later earned a doctorate, taught at West Point, and became a sought-after speaker on the subject of moral injury and military service.

In recent years, he also had paranoid delusions and deep depression, and was prone to outbursts that caused him to lose jobs and relationships. He oscillated between defiance about his fragile mental state and desperation as he searched

for help, a dozen family members, former professional associates and friends said in interviews.

Since September, alarmed at his physical and mental deterioration, his friends and his sister had scrambled to move him from hospitals and low-income adult group homes where, they said, he was heavily medicated with antipsychotic drugs, to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. Appeals on his behalf to the department went unanswered, they said. Fishback was found dead in his room at the group home after breakfast Nov. 19.

"He was always driven by a deeply humanistic sense that people deserve respect, in this case detainees," said Nancy Sherman, a professor of philosophy at Georgetown University, who was deeply involved in trying to help Fishback over the last decade.

She added, "He had an

enormous sense of purpose and rigidity, and rigidity doesn't make for resilience often."

As a young man, Fishback was known around his small town as a high achiever in school and sports — running hills with a backpack full of weights while others were content to do the slow jog, his sister, Jazcinda Jorgensen, said. He debated classmates over his strict moral code.

A high school teacher suggested the military, so he applied and was accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"He always had a real strong sense of morality and justice and thought it was best to use that as an officer," his sister said.

He graduated from West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Eastern studies in 2001 and served in the Army until 2014, including four

combat tours with the 82nd Airborne and Special Forces.

One day in 2005, Marc Garlasco, a former Pentagon analyst and then a senior military adviser for Human Rights Watch, was clearing off his desk when his phone rang. The person on the other end said, "Hello sir, I am a U.S. Army officer, and I am concerned there has been torture of detainees in my unit," Garlasco recalled. He added, "Needless to say, that piqued the interest."

After numerous email exchanges, the two met at an Applebee's restaurant in La Grange, Georgia, where Fishback described horrific abuse of Iraqi prisoners between September 2003 and April 2004 that included exposure to extreme temperatures, beatings and sleep deprivation at Camp Mercury, a forward operating base near Fallujah.

Fishback had appealed to superiors and even clergy for

17 months before he turned to Capitol Hill for help. "He said, 'I want John McCain,'" Garlasco said.

A Human Rights Watch team took him to meet with the senator.

The Detainee Treatment Act passed the Senate 90-9 and was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2005.

But Fishback struggled as he worked toward a master's degree in philosophy and political science at the University of Michigan, which he earned in 2012. He met Sherman during his studies and she became his confidante.

When she noticed that he was showing symptoms of paranoia, "I worried a lot," she said. She helped him find a therapist.

He taught at West Point from 2012-15, but trouble continued, including altercations with students and faculty.

Iraqi Kurds gamble on risky gambit

Cite work, fleeing graft as reasons for unsafe Minsk trek

By Samya Kullab
Associated Press

DOHUK, Iraq — The smuggler had said the car would come in 10 minutes, but Zaid Ramadan had been waiting in the dense forest straddling the Poland-Belarus border for three hours, desperate for signs of headlights in the mist — and a new life in Europe.

His pregnant wife, Delin, shivered under a blanket. She had been against leaving their life in Dohuk, a mountainous province in the northern Kurdish-run region of Iraq. The journey was perilous, expensive and the change too drastic, she told him.

"But I convinced her to leave. In Dohuk, we can't live a real life; there is corruption, no work, repression," the 23-year-old said.

The couple were among a disproportionate number of Iraqi migrants, most of them from Iraq's Kurdish region, who chose to sell their homes, cars and other belongings to pay off smugglers with the hope of reaching the European Union from the Belarusian capital of Minsk — a curious statistic for an oil-rich region seen as the most stable in all of Iraq.

But rising unemployment, endemic corruption and a recent economic crisis that slashed state salaries have undermined faith in a decent future for their autonomous region and kindled the desire in many to leave.

Iraqi Kurdistan is co-ruled by a two-party duopoly under two families that carved the region into zones of control — the Barzanis in Irbil and Dohuk, and the Talabanis in Sulaymaniyah. This arrangement created relative security and prosperity, compared with the rest of Iraq, but it has been accompanied by nepotism



Zaid Ramadan was returned to Iraq from Minsk with his pregnant wife after they were caught by authorities. RASHID YAHYA/AP

and growing repression. Those downsides prompted would-be migrants to leave. Many were school dropouts, certain an education would not guarantee them work. Others were government employees and their families, no longer able to survive amid salary cuts.

Of the 430 Iraqis who returned from Minsk on a repatriation flight last week, 390 disembarked in the Kurdish region. Among them were Zaid and Delin Ramadan, now back living with Zaid's parents in Dohuk.

Like thousands of others, they had been lured to the European Union's doorstep by easy visas offered by Belarus. The EU has accused Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko of using asylum-seekers to retaliate for sanctions imposed after he claimed victory in a disputed 2020 election.

The migrants flocked to Belarus in hopes of getting into the EU. Most were

from war-scarred Iraq and Syria. Smuggling networks appeared to be particularly efficient in Iraq's Kurdish area, where an economic crisis triggered by a crash in oil prices rendered the regional government insolvent.

Oil prices have rebounded but the region relies on budget transfers from Iraq's federal government to pay public sector salaries. The payments have been intermittent because of disputes over the Kurdish region's independent oil export policy.

Thousands of students in Irbil and Sulaymaniyah took to the streets last week to protest lack of funding from the Kurdistan government. Dozens gathered in front of the KRG Ministry of Higher Education to demand stipend payments frozen for eight years.

Kurdish officials said Iraqi Kurds were lured to Belarus by traffickers with false promises of an easy journey.

Migrants said they left by their own accord, desperate for a life with the dignity they couldn't find at home, and were not coerced by smugglers. Ramadan had dropped out of school in the ninth grade. At first his father, a teacher, and mother, a nurse, were against it. But they relented when Ramadan countered that his two older sisters were trained dentists in Dohuk and still unemployed.

He was never able to secure steady work. Since 2013, Ramadan has been a valet, waiter, construction worker and taxi driver. He never made more than \$200 a month, barely enough for rent. In 2019 he volunteered as an ambulance driver, hoping in vain it would turn into a paid job.

The government is the main employer in the Kurdish region. Last year's austerity measures, including salary cuts of up to 21%, spurred protests and deepened disenchantment

with the ruling class. The cutbacks were reversed in July, but the impact is still felt.

Young men often look to the peshmerga, the Kurdish branch of the Iraqi armed forces, for work. Ramadan tried but said he didn't have the right connections.

In October, after hearing about the Belarus route, Ramadan deposited \$10,000 at a local money exchange office in Dohuk that had connections with a smuggler.

He and his wife were expecting their first baby and he was determined to start over in Germany.

As dawn broke in the dense forest, the car that would supposedly take them to Germany hadn't arrived, and Ramadan grew concerned.

He and his wife had walked along with 12 others through the soggy woods, crossing into Poland in search of a GPS point marked by the smuggler.

Hours passed.

When the vehicle finally arrived, it was a minibus, not the small car they expected. Ramadan knew a larger vehicle would raise the suspicion of Polish authorities but the migrants got in anyway, unable to withstand another day of cold.

A few kilometers down the road, they heard sirens. The minibus and his dreams came to a halt.

Ramadan and his wife, now five months pregnant, returned to Dohuk on last week's repatriation flight, his dream of an escape dashed.

"What can I say? My heart is broken. I am back where I started," he said.

Many other Iraqi asylum-seekers have decided to remain in Belarus, hoping they can somehow still cross into Poland. About 2,000 people are currently staying at a warehouse facility near the border.

Miran Abbas, 23, once a day laborer and former barbershop assistant, is among them.

His father, Abbas Abdulrahman, spoke to him via video call last week from the family home in Sulaymaniyah province.

"How's it going?" he asked the hollow-eyed face on the screen.

Abbas said food was running low and that Belarusian authorities had poured cold water over them to push them to cross into Poland.

But he won't return.

"How can I live in Kurdistan? I prefer to stay here even if they disrespect me thousands of times," he said.

He could not secure work in Kurdistan, his mother Shukriyeh Qadir said.

"It was the time for him to get married, but he couldn't afford it. He wanted to buy a car, but he couldn't afford that either. He wanted to build a family and settle down in a house, but that was not possible," she said.

"So, he left because of his sufferings."

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Medical waste debate heating up

After Covanta's burning bid draws ire in Bristol, lawmakers push for area towns to join discussion

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

BRISTOL — As regulators review Covanta's controversial bid to burn medical waste in Bristol, two state lawmakers are campaigning to bring Plymouth, Southington and other nearby towns into the debate.

"This isn't something that just impacts Bristol — it affects all the surrounding towns. It's a regional issue and maybe even larger than that," state Sen. Henri Martin said Tuesday. "We want to have meet-

ings in Wolcott, Plainville, Southington, Farmington, Harwinton."

Martin and Rep. Whit Betts, both Republicans, were scheduled to host an information meeting with Plymouth residents on Tuesday night at town hall.

"There are going to be more. We have questions, and the answers haven't been clear," Martin said. "This needs to be brought to people on a wider scale."

Three years ago Covanta proposed burning biomedical waste along with the residential and industrial waste that it inciner-

ates at its Enterprise Drive facility. The city of Bristol wrote a letter of support for the plan after negotiating with Covanta to keep out some forms of waste.

But numerous residents near the Covanta plant banded together in opposition this spring after hearing about the project for the first time.

The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is still reviewing Covanta's application for the necessary permit, and the opponents hope to prevent approval.

"The Covanta corporation is involved in several litigation

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Covanta's bid to burn biomedical waste at its trash-to-energy plant in Bristol has drawn opposition from numerous residents. COURTESY



Michael Siberry prepares to film a scene for "Pep" as famed Hartford Courant sports editor Bill Lee. CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT/HARTFORD COURANT

For 'Pep,' it's a wrap

Legendary Courant sports editor stars in final day of biopic shooting

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Legendary Hartford Courant sports editor Bill Lee was back at his desk Tuesday night — as a character in a movie about one of Lee's favorite subjects, Hartford-based boxer Willie Pep.

The movie "Pep" is set in the mid-1960s, when Pep was attempting a comeback after twice claiming the world featherweight championship in the 1940s. Bill Lee is used as a framing device in the film, speaking about Pep's importance and achievements.

Lee is played in the movie by Michael Siberry. "I did one day of filming at the beginning, and now one day at the end," the actor says.

Siberry recalls performing in Hartford before, as King Arthur in the first national tour of "Monty Python's Spama-

lot" in 2007. His recent credits include recurring roles on the Netflix series "Jessica Jones" and "House of Cards."

To nail the role, Siberry prepped with a stack of articles Bill Lee wrote about Willie Pep over the years, provided to him by the producers, who reached out to The Courant for research materials. Lee "wrote about all sports," Siberry says. "He wrote humorous articles about sportsmen, got quite close to his subjects, went to all these incredible events."

Lee's son Jeff, himself a Courant veteran who spent a decade in the paper's advertising department, came to watch the shooting. He'd supplied actual items from his father's work desk at The Courant to give the set some authenticity: photos, awards, papers and even Lee's own sturdy Remington Quiet-Riter typewriter.

Jeff Lee and Siberry met the last time the actor was in town. "Every time I see him," Lee



Willie Pep, left, with manager Lou Viscusi and former Courant sports editor Bill Lee, right, in 1975. COURANT FILE PHOTO

says, "he looks more like my father."

Tuesday marked the 18th and final day of shooting on "Pep." It was also the 15th anniversary of the death of Willie Pep. Scenes had been filmed at the Four Ropes gym on Ledyard Street and outside St. Francis hospital on Woodland Street. There was a full week of filming in a West Hartford house made up to look like Pep's Hart-

ford home.

Over the final four days, the Polish National Home of Hartford on Charter Oak Avenue, "Pep"'s last filming location, was transformed into numerous separate places. A full boxing ring occupied the second floor, modified so it looked as rings did in 1964, when the four-rope style was

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Higher shot rates see fewer infections

Analysis: Outbreaks less likely in towns with more vaccinated

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Amid Connecticut's recent COVID-19 spike, towns with higher rates of vaccination have recorded far lower rates of new cases in recent weeks, state numbers show.

The pattern is visible not only through a quick glance at the map — eastern Connecticut and the Naugatuck Valley are both the least vaccinated and most infected parts of the state — but also through statistical analysis. According to a Courant review, Connecticut municipalities with fewer than 60% of residents fully vaccinated experienced a median rate of 26.4 daily cases per 100,000 residents over a recent two-week period, while municipalities with more than 70% of residents fully vaccinated saw a median rate of 13.8 per 100,000 residents over the same stretch.

In other words, COVID-19 outbreaks were, on balance, nearly twice as severe in towns and cities with low rates of vaccination as in those with high rates.

Overall, The Courant found an inverse correlation between vaccination and infection at the town level that is statistically significant at a 99% confidence interval, meaning it is highly unlikely to be the result of chance — as well as a similar relationship between a town's vaccination rate and its COVID-19 test positivity rate.

These findings are consistent with what public officials and health experts have said for months: Though a high rate of vaccination does not guarantee a community will be safe from COVID-19, it does make an outbreak much less likely.

"That is a no-brainer, for sure," Dr. Ulysses Wu, and infectious disease specialist at Hartford HealthCare, said Wednesday. "If an area is less vaccinated, there is going to be more COVID."

Most of the Connecticut towns and cities experiencing the most dramatic spikes during the current COVID-19 wave are those with relatively low vaccination

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MANCHESTER

Man charged in home invasion

A man was being held Saturday on a \$500,000 bond after a series of incidents that allegedly started with a shooting on Lilley Street and ended with the accused crashing a vehicle on I-84 West, Manchester police said.

William Ramos Sr., 63, of New Britain was charged in the shooting of a 56-year-old woman in the hand Friday night in her home on Lilley Street. The woman told police at about 9 p.m. that Ramos is the father of her son, and there had been an altercation between the two.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday, a police investigation found that Ramos, who had fled after the shooting, had returned to Lilley Street. When police approached Ramos' gray Subaru Outback, he fled, ramming into a parked vehicle and a police cruiser. No officers were injured.

A few minutes later, Ramos' vehicle was spotted by state police on I-84. The vehicle crashed near Exit 39A, and the suspect fled into a wooded area. Ramos was apprehended a short time later.

Both Ramos and the woman were treated at area hospitals for wounds to the hand. Ramos was

later brought to the Manchester police department where he was being held Saturday.

Ramos is charged with home invasion, first-degree assault, first-degree burglary, first-degree threatening, first-degree reckless endangerment, criminal use of a firearm, criminal possession of a firearm and unlawful discharge of a firearm.

Ramos is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

— Kenneth R. Gosselin

NORWALK

State troopers hurt in pedestrian arrest

Two state troopers received minor injuries on Thanksgiving when they were subduing a man who was walking on the Merritt Parkway.

State police say troopers responded to the Merritt Parkway between Exits 40 and 41 in Norwalk at about 2:30 p.m. Thursday to see a man in his late 20s crouching behind the concrete barrier in the right shoulder. When troopers started to approach him, the man jumped over the barrier and began running across the northbound lanes into traffic, according to a police report.

Troopers reached the man in the left lane and "a physical altercation ensued," the report said. A trooper used a stun gun on him during the struggle, but the troopers only gained control of him with help from a passing motorist.

After arresting the man, both troopers received treatment at Norwalk Hospital for minor cuts on their hands and faces, state police said.

The suspect, a 27-year-old from Brooklyn, was also transported to Norwalk Hospital for minor injuries before he was processed and charged with assault on a public safety officer, interfering with an officer and illegal use of a highway by a pedestrian.

He was held Thursday on a \$100,000 bond and scheduled to appear Friday in Stamford Superior Court.

— Rebecca Lurye

EAST HARTFORD

Man, 20, dies in Thanksgiving crash

A 20-year-old died early Thanksgiving morning after a one-car crash on Route 2.

Quincy Rahim Hankerson of East Hartford was the passenger in an

Infiniti G35 that lost control just before 1 a.m. Thursday and crashed on westbound Route 2 near Exit 4 in East Hartford, according to a state police report.

Troopers do not know why the car lost control but determined it had crossed the highway to the left and struck a metal guide rail on the median before coming to a stop.

The 19-year-old driver suffered serious injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital, but Hankerson was pronounced dead at the scene.

State police have asked anyone who witnessed the crash or may have dashboard camera video driving through the area around the time of the crash to contact Trooper First Class John Wilson at 860-534-1098 or via email at john.wilson@ct.gov.

— Zach Murdock

WATERBURY

Man faces charges in domestic shooting

A Bridgeport man was arrested Tuesday in New Hampshire on charges related to a domestic violence investigation, Waterbury police said Wednesday.

On Oct. 27, Waterbury police

responded to a weapons complaint from a residence on Thomaston Avenue. Police said they confirmed several gunshots had been fired in the area and later learned that a 21-year-old female had been taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport with a gunshot wound in her left triceps.

Police identified Clifton Williams, 40, of Bridgeport as a suspect and opened an investigation into what they described as a domestic violence incident. Police said they obtained a warrant for Williams' arrest but were unable to locate him after "an extensive search."

Police did not specify how Williams was located but said he was being held as a fugitive in the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, which is based in Boscawen, New Hampshire. Williams was turned over to Waterbury police and U.S. Marshall's Service members on Tuesday.

Williams was charged with three counts of first-degree assault, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree reckless endangerment, reckless driving and several gun-related charges. He was held on a \$2.5 million bond and appeared in court Wednesday morning, police said.

— Seamus McAvoy

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rates, state numbers show. Of the 25 Connecticut municipalities with the highest number of new cases per capita from Nov. 7-20, all but one have fewer than 70% of their residents fully vaccinated.

Meanwhile, of the 25 municipalities with the lowest vaccination rates, all but three are currently in the state's "red alert" category, meaning they have averaged at least 15 daily cases per 100,000 residents. By comparison, none of Connecticut's eight most vaccinated munic-

ipalities qualify for the "red alert" category, and only four of the 25 most vaccinated municipalities have an infection rate about the state average in recent weeks.

Many of Connecticut's low-vaccination/high-infection towns are in the state's eastern half, where the local population tends to be more conservative and where vaccination has lagged all year. Polling both nationally and in Connecticut has found conservatives to be less likely than liberals to trust COVID-19 vaccines.

Windham County, in the northeast corner of the state, currently ranks as the Connecticut county

with both the lowest rate of vaccination and the highest rate of new cases, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Some of Connecticut's largest cities have also lagged in vaccination rate, with Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven, New London and New Britain all ranking among the state's least vaccinated municipalities. These cities have tended throughout the pandemic to have higher rates of new COVID-19 cases than surrounding towns with higher rates of vaccination, a pattern that has held true in recent weeks. Connecticut's most vaccinated

towns have tended to be relatively liberal suburbs, including in Hartford County and along the state's coast.

One of few exceptions, at least on paper, to the relationship between vaccination rate and rate of new cases, has been Mansfield, which has recorded few COVID-19 cases in recent weeks despite being listed as having the lowest vaccination rate in the state. But officials say Mansfield's data is misleading due to the presence of UConn students, who are almost all vaccinated but who don't count toward the town's figures.

When Mansfield is removed from the statewide data set, the

inverse correlation between vaccination rate and rate of new cases among towns becomes even stronger. Despite large variance from one part of the state to the other in terms of both vaccination rate and infection rate, Wu said his advice for Connecticut residents doesn't change much depending what part of the state they live in.

"Keep it simple," Wu said. "You vaccinate, you mask, you social distance, you wash your hands, you don't engage in behaviors that may put you at risk."

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Things to keep in mind during open enrollment season



Jill Schlesinger
Jill on Money

As we all reel from higher prices on everything from steak to gas to furniture to bedding, here's another big-ticket item that you need to think about: health insurance. In its annual survey of costs, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) found that annual premiums for employer-sponsored family health coverage are up 4% from last year, "with workers on average paying \$5,969 toward the cost of their coverage. The average deductible among covered workers in a plan with a general annual deductible is \$1,669 for single coverage."

Given a renewed focus on the fragility of our health and the surge in job leavers and changers, this would seem to be an especially important benefit season. Let's try

to fight the impulse to throw in the towel and just do what you did last year, and instead make smarter — and potentially money-saving — decisions.

Start by reviewing your existing health insurance coverage and what you spent in 2021, and then try to project what your health care costs will be in 2022. Be mindful that amid COVID, you may have skipped routine appointments that you need to factor in for next year. Then compare available plans to see what they cover; how much they cost, including copays and deductibles; and whether your doctors are in the network. Don't forget to identify regular medications that you take and make sure that the plan covers them.

To reduce the annual sticker shock, consider a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), which offers lower premiums and is paired with tax-advantaged Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). For 2022, the IRS defines a high deductible health plan as any plan with a deductible of at least \$1,400 for an individual or \$2,800 for a family. If you're generally healthy and want to save

for future health care expenses, the HDHP/HSA may be an attractive choice. Or if you're near retirement, it may make sense because the money in the HSA can be used to offset costs of medical care even after retirement. The maximum contribution for 2022 is \$3,650 for an individual and \$7,300 for a family. Those who are over age 55 can make an extra \$1,000 contribution.

The popularity of HDHP/HSA options has diminished the focus on Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), but many companies still provide this option. In 2022, you can set aside \$2,850 pretax to help pay for unreimbursed medical expenses. Critics of FSA's have lamented the fact that they were "use-it-or-lose-it" plans, which means you had to incur eligible expenses by the end of the plan year or forfeit any unspent amounts. However, COVID-related legislation allows a full rollover of unused funds from 2021 to 2022, provided that your company agrees to allow it.

For those who are not covered by a workplace plan, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment began on Nov. 1 and runs

through Jan. 15, 2022. If you want coverage to begin on Jan. 1, you should enroll by Dec. 15. If you wait until after Dec. 15, then coverage will likely start Feb. 1. Note: If you are using a state-run marketplace, check on specific open enrollment windows, because they may be different from the federal government deadlines.

There is some good news when it comes to costs for ACA participants. The average bench mark plan premium will be about 3% lower than in 2021, according to the government, but in some state-based marketplaces, there could be a modest increase. Additionally, ACA subsidies that were enacted under the American Rescue Plan Act remain in effect for 2022.

The Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) has more information about ACA changes that could impact family coverage, so please check it out.

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4 signs that you're seriously burned out



FAST COMPANY

By Art Markman | Fast Company

If you've had a long week at work, you might be justifiably exhausted and feeling like you can't do anything productive. That feeling might be a sign that you need a nap or a relaxing weekend — or it could be a sign of more serious burnout. How would you know?

I'll talk about some of the key symptoms of burnout, but to begin with, it is a long-term state. It is common for people to have a bad day or even a bad week. You might say, "I'm feeling burned out today," but if a good night's sleep, a weekend away, a spa day or some exercise has you ready to come back to work, you were tired rather than being burned out.

Lack of motivation

One key sign of burnout is that you don't have motivation to get any work done. You might not even have the motivation to want to come to work at all. Instead, you dread the thought of the work you have to do. You find yourself hating both the specific tasks you have to do at work,

as well as the mission of the organization you're working for. You just can't generate enthusiasm about work at all.

Lack of resilience

A second symptom is a lack of resilience. Resilience is your ability to get over a setback and get yourself back on course. It's natural for a failure, bad news or criticism to make you feel down temporarily. But, if you find yourself sad or angry for a few days because of something that happened at work, your level of resilience is low.

Bad interactions

When you're feeling burned out, you also tend to have bad interactions with your colleagues and co-workers. You find it hard to resist saying something negative or mean. You can't hide your negative feelings about things or people that can upset others. In this way, your negative feelings about work become self-fulfilling, because they actually create more unpleasant situations.

Inability to make decisions

Burnout can also lead you to have difficulty making decisions at work. Good decision making requires difficult cognitive work. You have to weigh the costs and benefits of the options, and think carefully about which aspects of the decision should get the most weight. Your burnout can make it hard to concentrate enough to do this calculation.

In addition, you are likely to have gut feelings about options that carry additional valuable information about aspects of the choice that are hard to put into words, but still matter. When you're feeling burned out, everything feels lousy, so your gut feelings don't help you either.

What to do

Many of the feelings of burnout are similar to symptoms of depression. Indeed, if you're feeling burned out at work, it is worth talking to a therapist to be evaluated for depression. At any given moment, somewhere between 8% and 10% of the population in the United States is clinically

depressed. Even if you're not depressed, a therapist can help you work through some of the reasons why you might be feeling burned out, and also provide strategies for helping you feel better about your work and to rebuild your resilience.

One reason why I recommend working with a therapist or coach is that when you're feeling burned out, you might be tempted just to change jobs. It may be that a change will help you a lot. But there are several factors to consider.

First, if you are dealing with a more general depression, changing jobs alone is unlikely to be the cure. Second, even if a job change is needed, there may be some skills that you need to develop that will help you to be successful in a new position. Third, a good coach can help you decide whether the best change for you is to look for another job in the same industry or whether a more significant change in your career path is needed.

Finally, burnout can put a stress on your relationships. By engaging with a therapist or coach, you're lightening some of the burden your loved ones may feel to help you get better.



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Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Periodically, I recommend personal finance books and periodicals that I believe will help you make the right decisions in your financial life both before and after retirement.

To begin with, for a comprehensive overview of the many aspects of managing personal finances, I recommend “Money Magic: An Economist’s Secrets to More Money, Less Risk and a Better Life” by Laurence Kotlikoff (Little Brown Spark), which will be available in January.

Kotlikoff is a professor of economics at Boston University and is recognized as one of the nation’s leading personal finance experts. His book covers a wide variety of topics, including careers, Social Security, housing, divorce, college costs, student aid and investment diversification. The book is worthwhile reading because much of his advice is unique but sound.

Here is a list of the leading titles in several topic areas:

Social Security: I recommend “Maximizing Social Security Retirement Benefits: Everything You Need to Know to Get the Most Out of Complicated New Claiming Rules” by Mary Beth Franklin. Franklin is a certified financial planner who writes regularly for Investment News. This well-written ebook is available at MaximizingSocialSecurityBenefits.com.

Annuities: My favorite author regarding annuities is Stan Haithcock, aka Stan the Annuity Man. He is an expert in the field, and I have worked with him for more than 10 years. He has written several free, easy-to-understand brochures covering all aspects of annuities, both pro and con, which are available at his website, StanTheAnnuityMan.com. Stan is interested in recommending the most cost-effective type of annuity for his clients; when a product has high commissions, he points this out in his brochures. I have never received a complaint from readers about his services, and I always refer readers with an interest in annuities to Stan.

Retirement plans: Ed Slott (IRAhelp.com) has expertise in all phases of retirement plans in general and IRAs in partic-



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ular. Whenever readers have complex issues, Ed Slott and his staff always respond quickly and accurately to any reader inquiries. They regularly update their “Retirement Decisions Guide.” I recommend that if you want up-to-date information about the latest regulations, you should obtain this guide. Regulations in this area are complex, and without reliable information you can make mistakes that cost you thousands of dollars. In addition, the company has many well-trained “fee-only” financial planners. If you need the services of competent financial planners, you can request recommendations in your geographical area.

Medicare: Your decisions regarding Medicare are extremely important. You can easily be penalized if you don’t sign up for certain parts of Medicare in a timely manner. The decisions you make regarding which parts of Medicare you sign up for are complex; the wrong decisions can be very costly. I have found that “Get What’s Yours for Health Care: How to Get the Best Care at the Right Price” by Philip Moeller (Simon & Schuster) is excellent.

His book includes many sources of information that will make it much easier for you to make the right cost-effective decisions.

Retirement: I highly recommend “How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide” by Jane Bryant Quinn (Simon and Schuster). Quinn covers all aspects of retirement in a comprehensive manner. Her book is easy to read, and includes the sources she has used in the book, many of which I regularly use myself. She covers health insurance, Social Security, pension issues, retirement plans, income investing, real estate issues (including reverse mortgages) and life insurance in depth. I found her advice in all these areas to be sound and easy to read.

As for other resources, I recommend reading the Wall Street Journal, Barron’s and Investment News. These periodicals have helped me stay up-to-date with the latest financial information.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT

How do your finances stack up?

By Janet Bodnar
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance

Time for a quiz: How would you describe your lifestyle in retirement? Research by the Employee Benefit Research Institute identified five distinct financial profiles among retirees ages 62 to 75 with less than \$1 million in financial assets. See where you fit in.

Average retirees (28% of those surveyed) were more likely to report financial assets of \$99,000 or less, and annual income between \$40,000 and \$100,000. Just over half thought they had saved enough or more than enough for retirement. Defined-benefit plans and Social Security play a major role in their income. Half spend \$2,999 or less monthly. The majority tend to believe their standard of living is unchanged from their working years. On average, they rated their satisfaction as 7.8 on a scale from 1 to 10.

Comfortable retirees (22%) were more likely to have financial assets between \$99,000 and \$320,000, and annual income between \$40,000 and \$100,000. Almost 75% said their retirement savings are sufficient or even exceed their needs. More than any other group, these retirees cited workplace retirement accounts, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, in addition to Social Security, as their major source of income. Half of them spend less than \$3,000 a month, and most think their

standard of living hasn’t changed since their working years. They rated their satisfaction as 8.0 out of 10.

Affluent retirees (19%) were more likely to have financial assets of \$320,000 or more, and annual income of \$100,000 or more. Only one in three said they plan to spend all or a significant portion of their retirement accounts. They also have access to more types of retirement income than retirees in other groups. Nearly 25% think their standard of living has increased since retirement. They rated their satisfaction level as 8.1 out of 10.

Struggling retirees (18%) had financial assets of \$99,000 or less, and three out of four had income under \$40,000 annually. This group has more renters than any other category, and 20% reported having unmanageable debt. Women, mostly from single-person households, made up the majority of respondents. Social Security provided the bulk of their income, and access to other retirement income was the lowest of any group. The majority believe their standard of living is lower than when they were working, and their satisfaction level was only 5.8 out of 10.

“Just getting by” retirees (12%) also tend to have low levels of financial assets and income. But in contrast to struggling retirees, half own their homes free and clear. About half reported having no debt, and most of those who did said it was manageable. Half believed they



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had saved enough for retirement. Most relied on Social Security as a major source of income, but they also had access to personal savings, defined-benefit plans and IRAs. About 75% spend less than \$2,000 a month. Almost one-third think their standard of living has declined, but nearly half believe it remains the same as when they were employed. On the satisfaction scale, they scored 7.2 out of 10.

Even though struggling retirees are a concern, overall the study was “pretty positive,” says Lori Lucas, president and CEO of EBRI. “We were pleasantly surprised that generally there was so much satisfaction in retirement, even among those who were just getting by.”

Janet Bodnar is editor at large at Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine.



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Finance gifts for grown-ups

In last week’s column, I provided some holiday gifting ideas for children, ranging from 529 accounts to gift cards for \$5 worth of shares in almost any company from Stockpile.

But what do you gift grown-ups, especially those who already have everything? Or to millennials who already know everything? Consider the following ideas:

Series I U.S. Savings Bonds. Savings bonds have long been out of fashion because of their low fixed rates. But the recent inflation has changed all that. Series I Bonds still carry a zero base rate for the life of the bond. However, the current 6-month inflation adjustment brings the current rate to 7.12%.

That rate will change in May, depending on the inflation numbers at that point. There is a catch: You must hold the bonds at least 12 months. And if you sell before five years, you’ll lose three months’ interest. So don’t just jump at the current high rate. Buy I-bonds online at TreasuryDirect.gov.

A gold coin. Gold is out of fashion these days, but you can buy a one-ounce \$20 U.S. American Eagle gold coin for just under \$2,000 based on the current price of gold. And there are smaller gold coins, such as the one-tenth of an ounce American Liberty coin that you can buy in “proof” condition from the U.S. mint for about \$345.

Always buy from a reputable dealer. To find one, go the website of the American Numismatic Association, Money.org. Or buy directly from the U.S. Mint at USMint.gov, where the offerings tend to be more expensive collector versions of various U.S. coins and sets.

Bitcoin. In case you think savings bonds and gold coins are a bit “retro” for these modern times, you can also buy a bitcoin as a gift — or at least open an account to buy a fraction of a bitcoin. And with the price of just one bitcoin trading over \$65,000 per coin, this digital gift will have to be just a “token amount.”

You can open a Bitcoin account at one of dozens of bitcoin exchanges advertising everywhere. They are mostly unregulated, so I hesitate to mention any one place. And you’ll need personal info to open a gift account.

A gift IRA. A Roth IRA, where money grows and compounds without paying taxes ever, is a gift that will grow over the years. You can still contribute up to \$6,000 for 2021 (or \$7,000 if over the age of 50) as long as the IRA owner has earned income in that amount. The initial money can come as a gift, encouraging the recipient to set up an automatic monthly additional contribution from their checking account. It’s easy to open the account online at Fidelity, Vanguard or Acorns with a starter gift that could create a retirement windfall many years down the road.

Monopoly. Now, here’s a game the whole family can play, with a twist for the economics pros. The original board set is available on Amazon for \$19.99. Monopoly has always been the most fun money-learning game, as you save up to buy properties and then houses and hotels, which generate rent.

But wait, there’s more. If the game is going too slowly, you can turn yourself into a Fed Chairman — buying an additional packet of all denominations of Monopoly money for \$13.99 on Amazon. Just distribute it when things slow down and watch the action you generate. Hint: Play it like real life, and let people bid on Boardwalk and Park Place. Then with new money, you’ll really see prices jump!

As a last resort, for those who still believe that money grows on trees, consider a gift from Harry and David, the well-known purveyors of holiday fruit boxes and other delicacies. You can add a live, desktop-sized “money tree” that comes in its own ceramic container. (HarryandDavid.com, \$39.99).

A lot of money changes hands in the holiday season. These gifts make it more meaningful. And that’s the Savage Truth!

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including “The Savage Truth on Money.” Terry responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

3 words to trigger a hot streak at work

Professionals often produce their best work in bursts. Scientists discovered how to get into these ‘hot streaks.’



Most of us think of “hot streaks” as a sports phenomenon, but look closely at the careers of just about any high achiever and you’ll see hot streaks aren’t limited to sports. Careers follow a similar pattern in which our best work clusters tightly together in time. So how do you bring on one of these hot streaks?



3 words to trigger a creative explosion

Northwestern University economist Dashun Wang recently reported a breakthrough. In the journal Nature Communications, Wang and his collaborators outlined their efforts to use AI to analyze the professional output of more than 2,000 artists, 4,000 film directors, and 20,000 scientists. The goal was to identify so-called hot streaks and to look at when and how they occurred in the span of people’s careers. Wang uncovered a simple three-word formula for tapping into your greatest creative potential:

“Explore, then exploit.” After crunching through his massive data set, Wang noticed that hot streaks came when a person first went through a period of relatively unfocused experimentation, but then crucially settled down to the hard task of exploiting whatever insights they had gained during their wanderings. “Neither exploration nor exploitation alone in isolation is associated with a hot streak. It’s the sequence of them together,” Wang said.



The secret is in the sequence.

Periods of exploration can look aimless or fruitless. But open-ended searching is an essential precursor to great work. Even if it feels frustrating or like a waste of time, you need to make space for exploration if you eventually want to reach your potential. On the flip side, you can’t be a searcher forever. Insight is useless without execution, so knowing when you’ve landed on the right idea and need to grind is equally essential.

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Lillian R. Stoltz

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Sebastian P.
Finocchiaro Sr.

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Eileen Russell

COLCHESTER

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Frank J. Kristoff

CROMWELL

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Eileen Russell

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Phyllis A. Dugger
Mary A. Foley
Lisa Heaney
Susan M. Quattropani

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Michael P. Long
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Selma Budkofsky
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Ruth Elblonk
Joseph A. Perry
Justin Seltzer

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John D. McAuliffe
Joseph A. Perry
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Peter J. Tkaczuk

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Denver, CO
Daniel J. Murawski
Bradenton, FL
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Columbia, TN
Peter M Turek
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Dugger, Phyllis A.(Beaumont)



Phyllis Alberta (Beaumont) Dugger, 94, of Vernon, beloved wife of the late Robert C. Dugger, Sr., died on Thanksgiving November 25, 2021. Born April 28, 1927 in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Edgar and Phyllis Alberta (Norse) Beaumont, she had lived in East Hartford until 1970, moving to Vernon until her passing. Phyllis graduated from East Hartford High School in 1945 working at First National Stores later joining G. Fox & Co. as a comp-tometer operator where she worked until 1972 to help pay college tuition for her children. During that period, she also supported her husband through keeping the books for his work endeavors. Bob and Phyllis were married for 70 years. Phyllis's greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family, whether it was hosting family celebrations or holiday gatherings, or babysitting her grandchildren and grand dogs. Phyllis had a real appreciation for Boston Terriers owning five of them during her life, as well as, a collection of Boston Terrier figurines, stuffed animals, calendars and pictures. The neighborhood squirrels, chipmunks and birds will miss her as she kept the wildlife happy around her home. Phyllis loved to bake, read books, make jigsaw puzzles and play games with her family. She passed on her love of the family Maine vacation traditions, which now continues with her children and grandchildren. Whether as Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma or Auntie Bert, she loved her family and her family loved her. Phyllis is survived by her two children: Robert and his wife Janice Dugger of Glastonbury, and Charlene and her husband Jeffrey Rubacha of Manchester; three grandchildren: Suzie Scheffler, Katie Goodrich and her husband Dave, and Rob Dugger and his wife Kate; five great grandchildren: Andy and Mikey Scheffler, Michele and Charles Dugger and William Goodrich. She is also survived by her brother Ticker Beaumont and Pat Moll of Maine and her Beaumont nephews, their spouses and their children. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law Charles Dugger, her sister-in-law Jean Beaumont, her niece Marianna Beaumont and Jim Scheffler. The family would like to especially thank Vanessa and all of the care givers at the Hearth in Glastonbury, the Hartford Healthcare Hospice team and her aide Tina for their care and kindness during her difficult times. Phyllis's family will receive friends and family on Monday December 6, 2021 from 9:30am to 11:00am with a service to follow at 11am in Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury with her burial to follow in Valley Falls Cemetery, Vernon. Those who may wish to make memorial donations may do so to the Connecticut Humane Society. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Jones, Euria J (Jones)

Euria Jean (Johnson) Jones, 75, left this earthly world to be with her Heavenly Father on November 12, 2021. Visit www.royalfnclarksdale.com to view full obit.
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Dagle, Julie (Claudell)



Julie Claudell Dagle, the light of her husband's life, Thomas J. Dagle, passed away peacefully in her sleep with her husband by her side on November 22, 2021. Her seven children, Julie Fisher, Robert Zukas, Susan Eickenhorst, Laurence Zukas, Virginia Criscitelli, Jennifer Dagle, and Lindsey Gionfriddo, surrounded her in her final days, saw to her every need, played her favorite music, and shared hers and their memories. Many of her thirty two grandchildren and great grandchildren hugged her one last time and gave her a final kiss good bye in those last days. Julie's love was her family. She always had the time for her children. She helped them with any of their problems or gave them a hug and a kiss or just talked with them on the telephone. Julie was gifted with the art of conversation. She could start a conversation with anyone, even an introvert like her husband of forty four years. Julie was a self-made woman. She left high school long before graduation to start a family. Eventually, she was employed by the Internal Revenue Service. At the Internal Revenue Service, she became the first Problem Resolution Coordinator in the State of Connecticut and was invited to Washington to assist in writing IRS publications. During her employment, she thanked her children for going to bed early, so that she could finish her homework and graduate high school with her GED. A GED was required by college before she could receive her accounting degree. She graduated at the top of her college class with a 3.9 GPA. Julie left her employment with the IRS in the seventies and purchased a small CPA firm. Through networking and word of mouth, this small beginning became what the IRS refers to as, the largest nonfranchised income tax preparation office in the state of Connecticut. Julie was an eight year cancer survivor, but was unstoppable. She loved sitting with her clients and chatting, while preparing their tax returns. While she prepared the returns a Cavalier was always by her side, waiting for her gentle touch. COPD finally forced her retirement at the age of eighty. Chewy, short for Chewbacca, Julie's rescue dog, now sleeps in her place on the bed and silently awaits her return. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday November 30th from 12:30 PM to 1:30PM at Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown. The funeral liturgy will begin at 1:30PM. Interment will follow in the Swedish Cemetery, in Portland. In lieu of flowers, Julie's favorite charities were St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 and the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 2007-7127. To share memories or send condolences, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.
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Rumberger, Gertrude Ann "Trudy" (Bowen)



Gertrude Ann "Trudy" (Bowen) Rumberger, 91, formerly of Middletown, CT, wife of the late Joseph P. Rumberger, Jr., passed away on Wednesday November 17, 2021 at Chestelm in Moodus, where she had recently become a resident. Born in Woonsocket, RI, daughter of Michael and Gertrude (Conway) Bowen, Trudy lived in Millville, MA until the age of seven, when the family moved to a 250-acre farm in Uxbridge. There, her time was filled with horseback rides, picnics in the Pine Grove and weekend events at Bowen's Barn, a well-known dance hall operated by her dad, Mike, and located directly above the farm's dairy barn. She also rode her dad's buses to and from the movies and her first job at McCarthy's in Woonsocket, usually seated behind her favorite driver, Gigi. Trudy attended high school at St. Mary's Academy in Milford, MA, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Boston University in 1952. Upon graduation, she took a job with the US Department of the Navy, moved to Washington, D.C. and worked in the Pentagon. While working for the Institute for Defense Analyses, Trudy enthusiastically accepted an opportunity to work in London, England, where she lived and worked in the US Embassy. She delighted in sharing her many memories of living in England and traveling through Europe at innumerable dinner parties and family gatherings over her lifetime. A particularly fond memory was of traveling through Europe, including Greece and the Adriatic coast with her friend Effie, with whom she maintained a lifelong correspondence. Trudy returned stateside to the Washington Office of IDA, where she met her future husband of 52 years, Joe. The couple resided in Chevy Chase, and three of their four sons were born in Washington. The family later moved to suburban Baltimore for Joe's work at Johns Hopkins University and Hopkins Hospital, where Trudy gave birth to their fourth son, John. In 1978 the family moved to Middletown for Joe's new position at Wesleyan University, and Trudy continued her work as mom and homemaker. The move to Connecticut also put Trudy closer to her childhood home, and in a position to be able to care for her mother, Gertrude, during her mom's later years. From Clifford Avenue, to Westwind Road, to Coleman Road to Hamlin Court, Trudy's dinner parties at the Rumberger residence were legendary. Neighbors, university colleagues, cousins, dear friends, Joe's Swahili students departing for or returning from Africa -- all were welcome at Trudy's table for festive gatherings featuring her gourmet cooking, friendship, stories and happy memories. Amid raising her children, hosting Rotary exchange students, serving on area boards, caring for her mother and entertaining, Trudy still found the time to follow another passion - history. She spent decades researching and documenting the lives of Maryland's early Catholic settlers, particularly Jerome White, whose legacy Trudy hoped to elevate from the status of historical footnote to what she believed to be his rightful place as a key figure in Maryland's Colonial history. Later, Trudy joined son James's company, spending nearly a decade as office manager for Rumberger & Company, Inc. and Classic Painting well into her seventies. She is survived by her sons, Tim Rumberger (Kim) of Hyannis, MA, James Rumberger (Ann) of Madison, CT, and John Rumberger of Middletown; brother, Robert Bowen of Millville, MA; seven grandchildren, Austen, Brant, Kyle, Julia, Allie, Patrick and Maggie, who helped write this tribute. She was predeceased by her husband Joe; son, Tommy; sister, Margaret (Sister Thomas Gertrude, SSJ) Bowen; brothers, Thomas and Michael Bowen. The Funeral Liturgy will be held on Saturday December 4th at 10 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, 310 Westfield St. Middletown. Burial will follow at Indian Hill Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Friday December 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. The family wishes to thank all of Trudy's caregivers for their kindness in her final years, as well as the caring staff of Vitas Healthcare/Hospice and the Connecticut state Ombudsman's office. In remembrance, please consider planting a tree in Trudy's honor in the spring, or making a donation to the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's scholarship fund in her memory at Scholarships - Federated Garden Clubs of CT (ctgarden-clubs.org). To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.
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Foley, Mary A.(Ficara)



Mary Ann Foley of Glastonbury, wife of the late Bertrand Foley, Jr., passed away on Nov. 24 after a long life of 96 years filled with family, friends, and joy.
Mary was born in Hartford on April 23, 1925 to Josephine (Ficara) and Frank Bordonaro. She had two brothers who predeceased her, Salvatore and Michael Bordonaro.
Mary lived in Connecticut her entire life, having resided in Hartford, West Hartford, and Old Saybrook before settling in Glastonbury about 25 years ago.
She was very active with the Republican Party, and served almost 20 years as the Glastonbury Registrar of Voters and as a Justice of the Peace.
She was also an avid Mahjongg player, and was a regular participant in spirited games at the Glastonbury Community Center.
Her love of the sun and the beach was legendary.
Mary's family was of special importance to her. She especially cherished her three grandchildren and doted on four great-grandchildren, who became a special part of her life in her last years.
Mary is survived by her daughter Karen Foley-Schain and her husband Dennis Schain of Manchester; her daughter, Christine Peaslee of Cranston, RI; three grandchildren, Cameron Shuck and his wife, Kristin Shuck, of Ashaway, RI; Brendan Schain and his wife Alexandra Schain of Glastonbury; Ana Gardiner and her husband Dean Gardiner of Marlborough; four great-grandchildren, Colby and Auden Schain, and Elsie and Bodie Gardiner; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.
A funeral service will be celebrated for Mary on Wednesday, (Dec.1) at 10 a.m. at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Guests are requested to wear masks and are welcome to arrive up to 30 minutes prior to the service to greet the family. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford
In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary's memory may be made to the Celiac Disease Foundation at celiac.org, the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.
To read more about Mary's life, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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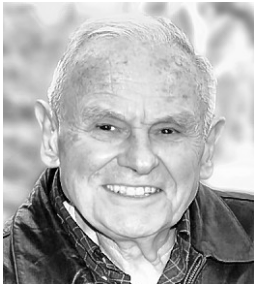
Turek, Peter M



Peter Michael Turek passed through death into Life on November 23, 2021, at his home in Colington Harbour, NC after a brave journey through a long illness. He was 90.
He was born on July 4, 1931, in New Britain, CT, the first generation son of Czechoslovakian immigrant parents, Michael Turek and Mary Bobko Turek, who predeceased him. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Mary Turek and Irene Turek, his first wife Mary Patricia O'Hara Turek, his sons Michael Turek and Patrick Anthony Turek, and his grandson Patrick "PJ" Lennon. Surviving are his wife Eve Turek of the home, son Peter Christopher Turek and wife Judy; daughters Faith Marie Turek and Mary Ann Taylor; and grandchildren Dennis Taylor II, Michael Pryor, Patrick Taylor, and Hannah Lennon. Also surviving is a stepson Jason Rowland and stepgrandchildren Gabriel and Cash Rowland.
Pete loved to say, being born on the 4th of July, that the whole country got the day off to celebrate his birthday! He loved both his heritage and his country. After graduating from New Britain High School in 1949, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving until 1954. While stationed at Langley Field in Virginia, he met the first love of his life, Pat, and they married on May 1, 1954. They moved to Newington, CT, where he worked for Stanley Works and apprenticed as a tool and die maker. His talents for making and building needed a greater outlet, so he began working as a builder for Variety Homes. He later formed his own construction company, specializing in custom homes, American Greeting Card stores and Mister Steakhouses throughout CT and VT. In 1986, he and Pat moved to Colington Harbour where he continued with Pete Turek Construction to build and remodel homes up and down the Outer Banks. A generous and giving man, he and Pat housed a Mexican exchange student, Joaquin Reyes, for his senior year in high school. He also joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, headed the building committee and later served as a board member for The Colington Harbour Association and was active as a member of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.
After Pat's long illness with ALS, Pete remarried, and he and Eve began their life together in 1997. He often said many people do not get to enjoy even one lifetime love, but he had been blessed with two.
In 2000, he became the manager of Colington Harbour and late in 2005, he and Eve bought Yellowhouse Gallery from its founder; they bought SeaDragon Gallery late in 2015. He immediately turned his creative talents and builder's skill into custom framing, serving hundreds of customers in his years at the gallery until declining health and strength finally forced an unwilling "early" retirement - at 89 years old!
He loved music, and visitors to his frame shop would hear tunes ranging from country to pop, classic crooners to Christmas and gospel hymns to polkas. His favorite hobby when not working was model trains, and he designed and built increasingly complex layouts after marrying Eve, "for the grandkids." (Of course, everyone knew who was the biggest kid of all!) He had a wonderful sense of humor and a big sweet tooth and a smile that could brighten the dreariest day.
A man of deep faith and resilience despite much personal loss and heartache, Pete spent his life as a Master Builder - building a home for his parents to call their own, building dozens of houses and hundreds of frames, and most importantly, building a family legacy with love.
His funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Southern Shores with a reception to follow. Please note the church and family are requesting those attending to wear a mask.
In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the All Saints discretionary fund, which assists needs in the community unmet in other ways, to ICO (Interfaith Community Outreach), St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
Expressions of sympathy and comfort may be shared via the on-line register at www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services, Inc was entrusted with arrangements.
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Johnson, Kenneth Francis



Kenneth Francis Johnson, 88, of South Windsor, formerly of Tolland, beloved husband for 66 years of Constance "Connie" (Downes) Johnson, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 19, 2021. Kenneth was born on March 18, 1933 in Worcester, MA, one of two children of the late Henry and Marian (Ericson) Johnson. Kenneth graduated from Shrewsbury High School, MA, and Tilton Prep School, NH, earning his Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Junior College. Later he earned his BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College in Angola, IN. Over the years, Kenneth worked for a number of different companies prior to employment at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, CT, where he began as an Assistant Project Engineer before moving to the Marketing Department as an Airlines Account Representative. Kenneth was promoted to Vice-President of Marketing for the Pacific-and Middle East Region, and finally to Vice-President of Worldwide Airline Customer-Support, which he held until retirement in 1992, after 28 years of dedicated service. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother, with an enormous enthusiasm for life. Kenneth was involved in his son's activities for a number of years in the YMCA Indian Guides and Cub Scouts. He also coached Little League baseball and served as both an Assistant and Head Scoutmaster of Tolland, CT Scout Troop #15. Kenneth was a skilled craftsman in car mechanics, floral gardens, stained-glass work, woodworking, and artistic painting. He ultimately concentrated his efforts on bird-carving, where he received many awards during his 25 years of competition. Painting and colors became such as passion that he published his own book of color mixing. For 20 years, Ken and Connie summered in Eastham, MA, on Cape Cod, where they welcomed their family and dear friends; enjoying great fellowship and creating lasting memories. In addition to his beloved Connie, he is survived by his three sons, Brian Johnson and his wife Linda of Tucson, AZ, Barry Johnson and his wife, Karen of Union, CT, and Bruce Johnson and his wife, Pamela of Takamatsu, Japan; his eight loved and cherished grandchildren, Heather Johnson, Jose Alberdi, Justin Johnson and his wife Kyra, Hannah Morrison and her husband Sean, Chelsea Johnson, Rebeckah Burke and her husband Josh, Aaron Johnson, and Andrew Johnson; and eight special great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was predeceased by his brother, Donald Johnson. A time of visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, December 3, 5-7 p.m., at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road, Vernon. Kenneth's Funeral Service will be celebrated on Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m., at the Avery Street Christian Reformed Church, 661 Avery St., South Windsor, followed by a luncheon for family and friends. Burial will be private for immediate family in South Cemetery, Tolland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Avery Street Christian Reformed Church. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Patrissi, Frances O.



Frances (O'Connor) Patrissi, 96, of Suffield, passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, with her children by her side. She was the beloved wife of 63 years of the late Daniel J. Patrissi. Born in Hartford on March 15, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Beatrice O'Connor. As a young girl, she had many happy memories of climbing trees and ice skating with sister Pat and brothers Paul and Bob. She graduated from Hartford High School and took a secretarial course at Hillyer College, before working at Aetna, where she performed onstage with the Aetna Players. She married Daniel Patrissi, the love of her life, on October 30, 1948, and in 1954, they happily settled in Newington, CT, where they raised 4 children. Fran had a green thumb and could grow just about any plant, inside or out. She joined the Rambling Rose Garden Club with friend and neighbor Evie, and they enjoyed creating flower arrangements and competing for prizes. She worked for the Democratic Town Committee with sister-in-law Rose and they attended the convention, shaking hands with Jack Kennedy when his motorcade went through the streets of Hartford. After her youngest child started school, she returned to Aetna and became a Supervisor in the Commissions unit, retiring after 27 years and moving to Florida. While there, she enjoyed many outdoor activities -water aerobics, golf, swimming and attending baseball games. She felt very fortunate to be able to maintain lifelong friendships with her high school friends Kay, Paula, Terry and Ronnie, enjoying outings, picnics and holidays in Newington and later in Florida. Most of all, Fran was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who cherished every moment spent with family. She leaves four children, Jane and husband Louis Poirier, Suzanne and husband James Vredenburgh, Carol and husband Stephen Tonucci, and Charles Patrissi and wife Anne Berman; seven special grandchildren, Matthew Poirier and wife Susan, Courtney DeChristopher and husband Joseph, Kaitlyn, Amanda and Eric Vredenburgh, Lisa Tonucci, Rachel Tonucci and husband Jaeme McDonald; seven special great-grandchildren, Grace and Henry DeChristopher, Emma and Logan Poirier, Caroline and William O'Connell and August Combs. Also special family friend Michael O'Connell. The family would like to thank the staff at Eagle Pointe, especially Tammy, Margaret, Helene, Kelly and Alana, the Masonicare hospice team, and CNA Lacey for their compassion, skilled care and love given to Fran and her family. In memory of Frances, donations may be made to Feeding America, PO Box 96749, Washington, DC 20090-6749, or feedingamerica.org. She will be lovingly laid to rest in Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial. Services are private. To share a memory with Frances's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Seltzer, Justin



It is with profound sadness that we announce that our son, Justin Seltzer, died Thursday, November 11, 2021. We are forever grateful that he entered our lives with his beautiful spirit and gave us his love. He will live in our hearts forever.

Justin is survived by his parents, Tam Blasetti and Woody Doane, his paternal grandfather, Harvey Seltzer, and all of the aunts, uncles, and cousins who love him dearly. Visitation will be at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 2:00 - 4:00.

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Diaz, Jose R

Jose Renzo Diaz of West Hartford, Connecticut died at home on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Born in Cali, Colombia he came to Hartford 40 years ago and was a resident of West Hartford since 1989. He leaves behind his wife Lucila Diaz, son Michael Diaz, and daughter-in-law Danielle Diaz. The funeral and burial are private. Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements.

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Haddad, Judith (Mills)



Judith Mills Haddad of Cromwell and formerly of Wethersfield and Torrington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 10, 2021, after a brave battle with cancer. She was 85 years old. She was predeceased by her husband Henry in 2018. Born in Torrington on April 8, 1936, she was the daughter of Irving F. and Wilhelmina S. Mills. Judy was a graduate of Torrington High School, class of 1954. She often shared fond recollections of her time growing up in Torrington as well as summers at West Hill Lake where she was a camp counselor for many years. Judy received her B.S. degree in education from Eastern Connecticut State University. At Eastern, she not only met Henry, she also forged life-long friendships that remained close right up until her passing. In 1970, Judy and Henry moved to Wethersfield where they lived and raised their daughters in what was their dream home. Judy was active in politics and also served on the board of the Metropolitan District Commission, having been appointed by Governor Meskill. She was one of only two women to fill this role at the time. She juggled these responsibilities expertly while also staying home for a few years to raise her daughters. Judy taught elementary school in Wethersfield and later taught kindergarten at Barnard Brown Elementary School in Hartford. She treasured her time there where she touched the lives of many children and their families and met and maintained more close and lasting friendships with her colleagues. She served as the school's union building representative for many years. Judy's interests and talents were many. Throughout her life she enjoyed hiking, birding and painting. She was an active grandma who shared her passions with her family. When Judy and Henry moved to Covenant Living, Judy continued to participate in her community. She served on the welcoming committee, supported the benevolent care fund, volunteered to teach the sisters at the Holy Apostle Seminary and taught English to new arrivals in Cromwell. She took full advantage of all that the new community offered. Judy leaves behind her daughter Elizabeth Haddad of Reno Nevada; her daughter Gayle Haddad Hills and husband John of Glastonbury and her two cherished granddaughters Danielle Marie and Melanie Elizabeth Hills. She also leaves her brothers William Mills of Paonia, Colorado and Robert Mills of Charleston, South Carolina. She also leaves her sister-in-law Florence Modi and a number of much loved nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at the Pilgrim Manor at Covenant Living of Cromwell for their kindness and dedication to keeping Judy safe and comfortable during her final days. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 11:00 am at the First Congregational Church, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Mom/Grandma – We will miss your wisdom, good counsel, sense of style for clothes and the perfect haircut, fierce love for family and friends. "Say hi to dad for me" ... In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Benevolent Care Fund of Covenant Living of Cromwell, 52 Missionary Road, Cromwell, CT 06416. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Murawski, Daniel Joseph



Daniel Joseph Murawski, a resident of Bradenton, Florida and former Southington High School history teacher, boys soccer coach, and girls tennis coach, died on November 24, 2021 in his home. Daniel, the son of the late Alexander and Flora Murawski, was born on March 21, 1945 in Bristol, Connecticut. After graduating from Bristol Eastern High School, he received an academic scholarship to Lake Forest College in Illinois where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, played three sports, and was a member of Digamma Alpha Upsilon fraternity. He earned his Masters Degree in Education at Central Connecticut State University and began teaching and coaching at Southington High School in 1969. He taught history for 38 years, challenging his students to achieve at their highest levels. In 1989, his AP History class placed first in the state in the National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution, earning state and national recognition. He served as class advisor and department chairman for many years, but his focus was always on his students. During his tenure, Murawski received Outstanding Coaching awards from the Connecticut High School Coaches Association for both boys soccer and girls tennis. He took particular pride in starting the high school boys soccer program, coaching for 30 years highlighted by the State Coach of the Year Award in 1992. His teams tallied 298 wins, 24 winning seasons, and 11 conference championships, and were routinely ranked inside the top 20 in the state. His players noted his unique coaching style, matching tremendous intensity with an uncommon ability to relate to his players. A 1999 Record-Journal article written by Bryant Carpenter quotes Murawski: "No player is going to play for you, give their heart and soul for you, if they don't like you. I love them, they love me, and I love the game. I don't think there is any replacement for that." Whether in the classroom or on the playing field, Murawski's constant positive attitude influenced the lives of countless under his tutelage. Murawski's greatest joy and accomplishment was his family. His maverick side was balanced by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Eileen. He will be remembered for his never-ending faith in his family and the belief in his children and grandchildren to achieve whatever they put their minds to accomplish. Murawski enjoyed chopping firewood, jogging (ran the Boston Marathon), hiking, swimming, camping, skiing, kayaking, bicycling, making up his own lyrics to songs, and in his retirement years, interacting with his grandchildren, watching their athletic endeavors, and exploring the social scene of Bradenton/Sarasota with Eileen. One of his favorite quotes was, "Why climb the mountain? To get to the top."

In addition to his parents, Daniel is predeceased by his twin sister, Diane Leghorn, and brother, Edward Murawski. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Murawski, children Dr. Daniel Murawski (wife Kim) and Amy Navarette (husband Anthony), grandchildren Braeden, Camden, Evan, Amani, Danielle, Jaxon, Alessandra, brother William Murawski (wife Sheila), brother-in-law Dennis Leghorn, sister-in-law Joan Politi (husband Jim), several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and countless students and athletes. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Southeastern Guide Dogs association at www.guidedogs.org.

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Roche, Lorraine (Plante)



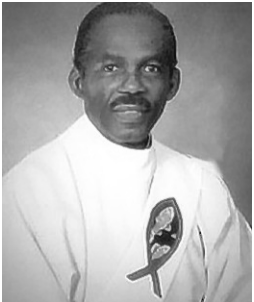
Lorraine (Plante) Roche, 93, of Windsor, wife of the late Arthur Spring Roche, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021, in Avon. Born in Worcester, MA on April 15, 1928, daughter of the late George and Alma (Pollier) Plante, she was raised in Worcester, MA and was a graduate of North High School in 1946. After high school, Lorraine attended Worcester State Teachers College and then Springfield College where she graduated in 1954 with a degree in Recreation and Youth Leadership. Lorraine taught swimming and was a camp counselor at the Girls Club in Worcester, MA where she met her husband, Arthur. They were married on August 24, 1957. After marriage, Lorraine and Arthur moved to Danielson, CT where he began his career, and they began their family. In 1961, they moved to Windsor, CT where they remained throughout their lives. Both she and her husband were proud homeowners who spent many hours and years caring for their home and yard. She loved the outdoors, camping, and walking daily for exercise. She had a beautiful smile which will always be remembered.

Lorraine was an avid gardener who raised her children on love, dedication and some of the best organic vegetables imaginable. When she wasn't gardening, you could often hear the sound of her accomplished piano music coming from the house. Lorraine loved her piano and music and taught piano lessons for most of her life. She also participated in musical events in her community for many years, playing for weddings, dance studios, and recitals. She played the organ for weddings and was a member of the church choir at St. Joseph Church in Poquonock, CT. This was one of her greatest joys, something that brought her friendship, solace, and deepened her strength and faith in God. As much as Lorraine loved her children, she loved her grandchildren the same and more. With the arrival of their first grandson Rob and each successive grandson, Jack, Hayden, Connor, Evan, and Jordan, her heart grew endlessly to welcome each one. She and her husband loved attending their sporting events and other activities, taking them for lunches, watching them, and seeing them grow into wonderful young men. Lorraine leaves three children, Lorrie Roche of Windsor, Lisa Linehan and her husband Timothy of West Simsbury, and Stephen A. Roche and his wife Pamela of Orleans, MA. She also leaves six grandsons that she was so very proud of and loved, Robert Linehan of Cardiff, CA, Jack Linehan of New York City, NY, Hayden Roche of Charlotte, NC, Connor Roche presently serving at McGuire A.F.B, New Jersey, and Evan and Jordan Roche both of Windsor. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Spring Roche, and two siblings, Anita, a beloved sister lost too soon, and a brother Everett. She is survived by a sister Gloria Hollenbeck in MA. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Joseph Church in the Poquonock section of Windsor. Burial will also be private in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester, MA. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in care of her arrangements. The family would like to extend a true and special thanks to the entire staff at Avon Health Center in Avon for their care and compassion. It is because of this that we were able to experience many extended and happy times with her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lorraine's name to; Avon Health Center, 652 W. Avon Rd, Avon CT 06001 or to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Ste 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Thorney, Deacon Vincent M.



It is with great sadness that the Thorney Family announces the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Deacon Vincent Montgomery Patrick Thorney, 95, of Windsor, CT, died on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Kingston, Jamaica on October 24, 1926, he was the eldest son of the late Prince Levy and Roslyn Elizabeth (Morgan) Thorney.

Deacon Thorney was a graduate of Kingston Technical where he studied Electrical Engineering. In 1943, he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and served during World War II until his honorable discharge. Deacon Thorney returned to Jamaica and worked for the International Aeronautical Telecommunication (AeroTel formerly, AerRadio). After moving to the United States and settling in Windsor in 1979, he took a position at G. Fox & Co. in Hartford and stayed with the company through their merger with Filenes until his retirement in 2004 after 22 years of service. After completing a five-year program, he was ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Hartford on June 10, 1989, and, served as a permanent deacon at St. Gertrude's Church in Windsor. During his 32-year ministry, Deacon Thorney touched the lives of countless individuals through his faith, compassion, kindness, humility, empathy, sympathy, and his sincere ability to listen. He brought souls back to God through his Celebration of baptisms, Holy Communions, marriages, and Funeral Masses.

Deacon Thorney leaves to mourn his passing, his loving partner and devoted wife of 65 years, Daphne (Hylton Bravo) Thorney; his devoted children Angela (Thorney) Laidley of Bloomfield, and Constance (Thorney) Morgan and her husband, David Morgan of Tucson, AZ ; Michael Thorney and his wife, Grace (Gornik) Thorney of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Carol Y. Thorney of Windsor; and Andrew M. Thorney and his wife, Angela (Martin) Thorney of Windsor; 11 grandchildren, Richard, Sid, Brandon, Brittany, Orane, Patrick, Melissa, Jamal, Lamar, Natasha; a sister, Violet Davis of Antigua; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-grandchildren, and extended family members. He was the eldest son of late Prince Levy and Roslyn Elizabeth (Morgan) Thorney of Manchester, Jamaica. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a beloved daughter, Denise M. Thorney; and four brothers, Leonard, Lemuel, Clinton, and George Thorney.

His family will receive friends on Thursday, December 2, 5-8 p.m., with a service of the Diaconate at 7 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, December 3, 10 a.m., at St. Damien of Molokai Parish – St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor. Very Rev. John P. Melnick and Rev. Maurice Barry will Concelebrate the Funeral Mass. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to St. Damien of Molokai Parish, 379 Broad St., Windsor, CT 06095 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Heaney, Lisa (Kohler)



Lisa (Kohler) Heaney, 55, of Ellington, loving wife of 30 years to Timothy M. Heaney passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. She battled courageously with grace against Ocular Melanoma, a rare cancer which affects just 2,500 Americans annually. Lisa was born on September 2, 1966 in New Haven, Connecticut, one of five children of Lois (Lassen) Kohler of Southington and the late Christian Kohler. She was raised in Hamden, attended local schools and was a graduate of Hamden High School, Class of 1984. Lisa graduated in 1988 from the University of Connecticut earning a BS in Nutritional Science and later, an MS in Health Education. Lisa will be dearly missed. She had the most beautiful smile, infectious laugh and kindest heart to all. She was employed as a registered dietician and health teacher, most recently at East Catholic High School in Manchester for over 10 years, until her retirement in 2017. Lisa was a member of the American Dietetic Association and a Communicant at St. Luke Church in Ellington. Lisa's passion was running, having completed numerous marathons, half marathons, and a half iron-man triathlon. She placed as a top 5 finisher in multiple marathons, as well as finishing first in countless races in her age division. Lisa loved to read and spend time outdoors hiking and snowshoeing. However, her greatest joy was the time she spent with Tim, Billy and Natalie. In addition to her husband and mother, Lisa leaves her two loving children, Billy and Natalie, her four sisters and their spouses; Christine and Bob Kaliszewski of Southington, Colleen and Chris Combs of Southington, Kathleen and Jim Balko of Fairbanks, AK., and Kimberly and Frank Tedesco of Ridgefield, her mother-in-law Joanna Heaney of Vernon, her brother-in-law Stephen Heaney and his spouse Melissa of Mt. Laurel, NJ., as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her father-in-law Bill Heaney and her nephew, Joseph Balko. Memorial calling hours will be at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road in Vernon on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 4-8 pm. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke Church, 141 Maple St. in Ellington on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11 am. Burial will be private at a later date. Lisa's wish was for everyone to wear something pink in remembrance of her cheerful and kind-hearted spirit. Lisa was always kind to everyone, please think of her with acts of kindness for others. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hockanum Valley Community Council, one of Lisa's favorite charities. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Moreland Glenn, Linda Lou



Linda Lou Moreland Glenn, 76, of Hartford, beloved best friend and wife for over 40 years of the late Norah Glenn, passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Linda is survived by her mother, Catherine (Brown) Moreland; her children, Robert "Leon" Moreland and his fiancée Tracy Daniels, Stanley Bernard Moreland, Michael E. Glenn Clowney, James Bernard Glenn, Sr. and his wife Muriel, and Shynette Davis; seven grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; three sisters; special niece, Evelyn "Tina" Young; and many other relatives and friends. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will be private in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery. To ready the full obituary, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Schneider, Richard Russell



Richard Russell Schneider, 66, of Windsor, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Richard was born October 20, 1955, in Hartford, son of the late Phillip and Anne (Kazukynas) Schneider, and graduated from Granby Memorial High School, Class of 1973, where he not only served as the class president but was also a three-sport letterman on the baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. Richard was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Richard was truly a family man and enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends. He will fondly be remembered for his jovial spirit and wonderful sense of humor. He leaves a legacy of beautiful memories that will live in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him. In Richard's earlier years, he and his children loved to travel to Vermont and Cape Cod. One of the highlights of these trips was watching the phenomenal sandcastle creations that he would build. When his children were younger, his home was the hang out for all the neighborhood children. Richard was a huge fan of UCONN sports, loved the New York Giants and the New York Yankees, and was a Hartford Whalers season ticket holder when they played in Connecticut years ago. Richard was an enthusiastic coach as well and enjoyed the time he spent shaping the lives of many young people in fast pitch softball, baseball, hockey and basketball leagues. He was also an avid card player and played in Set Back leagues in both Windsor and Manchester. Richard was an excellent cook and will be remembered for his awesome pasta dinners he would make for the neighbor, sports teams, friends and family. The passing of Richard will leave a permanent ache in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, and leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter, Paige Payne and her husband Darnell of Enfield; his son, Daniel Schneider of Manchester; two grandchildren, Jordan and Titan Payne, both of Enfield; his sister, Sharon Russell and her husband George of Canaan; his brother, Kirk E. Schneider of Senoia, GA; niece, Melissa Colman of Torrington; two nephews, Stephen Russell of Ashford, and Jon Russell of Hebron. Funeral services will be at 12pm on Wednesday December 1, 2021, with visitation prior from 10am-12pm, at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Adams, Janice B.



Janice Brown Adams, 85, of Colchester, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, November 18, 2021, returning Home to be with her Lord and Savior. Born June 27, 1936 in Colchester, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Dorothy (Palmer) Brown. She graduated from Bacon Academy in 1954 and enrolled in Eastern Connecticut State University in 1964 while raising her five children as a single mother. She graduated ECSU in 1971 and went on to get her Master's in 1984. From 1972 to 2000, she taught in the Lebanon school system, primarily as a first grader teacher. In her retirement, she continued teaching art classes as a volunteer for the Colchester Bible Baptist Church. Janice was deeply devoted to her faith and family. She was a founding member of Colchester Bible Baptist Church and was instrumental in bringing AWANA to the church. She had a love for art, puzzles, crocheting, and meeting people. She collected friends and 'adopted' family wherever she went -- in church, on trains, and even her chemotherapy treatments. She loved butterflies and dogs. Janice is survived by her children and their spouses Robert "Rick" Adams Jr. and Lori Adams of Charlotte, NC; Kathleen Brown and Gus Brown of Waldoboro, ME; Stephen Adams and Donna Adams of Colchester; MaryGrace Dennler and Bernard Dennler Jr. of Colchester; and Christopher Adams and Tony Adams of Wethersfield; her brother Fred Brown of Colchester; 12 grandchildren and over 20 great grandchildren; numerous other extended family and friends; and her dog Gooie. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, December 5 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd, Colchester, CT 06415. A funeral service will take place the following morning on Monday, December 6 at 10:00 AM at the Colchester Bible Baptist Church; burial will follow in the Exeter Cemetery in Lebanon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Colchester Bible Baptist Church, 38 Chestnut Hill Rd, Colchester, CT 06415; Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company, 52 Old Hartford Rd, Colchester, CT 06415; or to Camp Northfield www.campnorthfield.com. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.



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Lloyd, Caroline



Caroline Chapman Lloyd, loving mother and grandmother, passed away on November 25, 2021 at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT after a brief and courageous battle with pneumonia.

Caroline was born in New London, CT on December 28, 1940 and was the daughter of Howard Elias Chapman and Arlene Mina Decker. She graduated from Robert Fitch High School in 1958. In 1962 Caroline became a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Connecticut with Magna Cum Laude honors. She also received her Masters Degree from Central Connecticut State University in 1978.

Caroline taught Spanish and French in Bristol, West Hartford, Windsor, South Windsor and chaperoned several trips to Europe with her students. She was Windsor High School's first women's cross country coach and served as Women's Director of the Hartford Track Club, starting the now well-established Saturday training runs. She also taught Sunday pre-school at the First Church of Christ in West Hartford for several years.

Caroline ran hundreds of road races, including 5Ks, 10Ks, 20Ks and half marathons. Her proudest run was a 2:06 half marathon she completed just 10 days before her beloved Don died in October 1997. She also loved her home gardens, was an avid bird watcher, delivered Meals on Wheels for many years and was a member of the Friends of Farmington Library, working many hours in the children's garden.

Caroline loved her family dearly. She is survived by her daughter Jennifer McCarthy and her husband Manion of Unionville and their son Kyle of Burlington, her son Peter Rea and his wife Zika and their daughter Elyse and son Sean all of Blowing Rock, NC, as well as a great uncle Ted Sande of Cleveland Ohio and a brother, Lyle E. Chapman.

There will be a private memorial service at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Caroline's name to the Juvenile Diabetes foundation , JDRF, PO BOX 37920, Boone IA 50037-0920 or the Farmington Land Trust P.O. Box 1, Farmington, CT 06034.

Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com

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Tkaczuk, Peter J.



Peter J. Tkaczuk, CLU, CFP, 76, passed away suddenly on Saturday, November 13th at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, TN. Peter, a resident of Columbia, TN and Boynton Beach, FL was born in 1945 in Lubeck, Germany to Yaroslav and Eva Tkaczuk, and grew up in Hartford and Windsor. Peter was a graduate of Windsor High School and Graham College, Boston, MA. He was predeceased by his parents, in-laws Peter and Eugenia Oborski, son Stephen and nephews Christopher Oborski and Daniel J. Lewis. Peter leaves behind his wife of 56 years Helen, daughter and son-in-law Christine and Jim Saylor, granddaughter Ally Elizabeth Riopelle, sisters Maria Schreiber (Bob Mangiafico), Irene Germain (Jim), Natalie Frey (John), brother Nicholas Tkaczuk, and many loving sister and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends who were like family. Peter was known for his signature laugh and love of all Boston sports teams. He hiked Mt. Washington many times with family and completed two Boston Marathons. One of Peter's greatest joys was his granddaughter Ally, and he and Helen would take her everywhere in New England and beyond. A private family service will be held, with arrangements in the care of Mulryan Funeral Home, Glastonbury, CT. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt at childrenshospitalvanderbilt.org. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Finocchiaro Sr., Sebastian P.



Sebastian Peter Finocchiaro Sr., 68, of Berlin, husband of Elaine Partridge, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021 after one, last, fabulous Thanksgiving dinner party. Born in Florida, Sicily, he was the son of the late Salvatore and Sebastiana (Cannistraro) Finocchiaro. Sebby was a long time Hartford resident before moving to Berlin 18 years ago. Known for his gregarious nature, he loved a good party. He recently enjoyed his 50th High School reunion for Bulkeley High School, class of 1971. He had a long career in insurance and had retired from United Healthcare as a Senior Data Analyst in 2019. He was a member of the Southington Elks Lodge and a regular at the Wakefield Elks Club Friday night dinners. Sebby especially enjoyed his time as a seasonal camper at Wordens Pond Campground in South Kingstown, RI.

Surviving are his wife Elaine Partridge; his daughter, Jennifer Finocchiaro of Meriden, a son, Sebastian Finocchiaro Jr. of Hartford; a brother Rosario (Rita) Finocchiaro of Canton; two sisters, Josephine Finocchiaro of Cromwell and Maria (James) Devery of Owls Head, ME; a brother-in-law, William Partridge (Elaine) of Watertown, MA; a sister-in-law, Jeanne Benedict (Mark) of Newtown; a very loved granddaughter, Sadie Higgins; and many relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Joseph Finocchiaro, Santo Finocchiaro, and Teresa Italia.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10 AM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 South Main St., New Britain. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-7 PM at the funeral home. Masks are required. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Rd., #200, Framingham, MA 01701. Please share a memory of Sebastian with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen.com

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McAuliffe, John Dennis



On November 25, 2021, John Dennis McAuliffe passed away from that dreaded disease Alzheimers. Dennis as he liked to be called, was born on May 11, 1945 in Hartford to John and Mary McAuliffe. Dennis was predeceased by his first wife Maryann. Dennis helped Maryann with her daycare during the day, he loved those kids. When asked

if he had any children he would say yes 32 and people would look at him like he was crazy funny thing is he truly believed that. Dennis worked for the Windsor School System as a custodian for 30 plus years. He loved that job because he loved the teachers. Some days they could catch him dancing with his broom down the hall. Anytime they needed help he was there. Dennis was always telling jokes and helping people whenever he could. He was a happy go lucky guy until Alzheimers took all that away from him. If Dennis wasn't at the Elk Lodge, you could probably find him at the Wilson Fire Department. He loved hanging with the guys. Dennis met his second wife at Mary's Place after they both lost their spouses. That's when the adventure with Dennis began. Thank you Dennis for all the wonderful memories.

Dennis was predeceased by his sisters, Ann and Maureen.

He leaves his wife Diane, step-sons, Jim McNamara (Kim) and Michael McNamara (Carolyn), his grandchildren whom he loved so much, Jackson, Patrick and Amelia; his sister Joan, his nieces Karen, Wendy and Tracy and his nephews Greg, David and Tommy. Dennis' family would like to thank Hartford Healthcare at Home for all their love, friendship and guidance; especially Pam, Maxwell, Frank, Rosemarie and Gladys. Hospice nurse Jenny, thank you for everything. These people have a heart of gold and I commend them for the awesome job they do everyday.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT. A visitation hour will be held prior to from 1-2 p.m. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Carmon Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association at www.act.alz.org.



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Van Wormer, George D.



George D. Van Wormer, of Simsbury, passed Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Born May 5, 1928 to Ruth Hartung and George D. Van Wormer in Schenectady, NY, he attended high school in Scotia, NY. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a medic in Korea. After two years of college at Alfred State, George transferred to the University

of Vermont. Upon graduation, he worked for Bryant and Chapman as a Production Supervisor in Hartford. Kraft Foods bought the plant and George became Production Manager of the Sealtest Milk Division. A few years before his retirement, New England Dairies bought the plant and he retired as Vice President of Production.

George met his wife, Jeannette while at UVM. They have four children, Mark and his wife Lori, George, III and his wife Mary, Douglas and his wife Bonnie and Jennifer and her husband Dean; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. George and Jeannette loved traveling to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, the parks of the west and visits to family in Seattle and New Orleans. The family took up camping and spent time at Cape Cod, Maine, New Hampshire and all the way to Key West one year. Cross country skiing in New Hampshire was enjoyed too. He was devoted to his wife and family and loved family reunions.

George was a member Simsbury Volunteer Firefighter, serving for 18 years as Volunteer Fireman #62 and was a Fire Commissioner for 10 years. In 2010, George was welcomed into membership at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 4th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 265 Stratton Brook Road in West Simsbury and will be livestreamed in his Book of Memories linked below. Burial will be private. Donations in George's memory can be made to Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 301, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company, 871 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit George's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Filippelli, Louis M. "Buster"



Louis M. "Buster" Filippelli, 88, of Hartford passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Born in Hartford, Connecticut son of Louis and Julia Filippelli. Buster leaves behind several nieces and nephews, Michael and Ginny Balesano, Candita and Fred Jainchill, Dr. Bob DiBacco and Tom Stills, James and Carla Balesano, Chick Barrera and Richard and Anabel DiBacco. He also leaves several great-nieces and great-nephews and his cousin Donna Quattro. Buster was predeceased by his sisters Rose Balesano, Mary Lou DiBacco, Virginia L. "Flip" Filippelli, Elizabeth "Betty" Phillips; a niece Lisa Balesano and nephew Chuck Barrera. Funeral and burial will be private. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Gronbach, Cynthia (Grant)



Cynthia (Grant) Gronbach, 92, of Windsor Locks and formerly of Glastonbury, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021. She was the widow of Robert Charles Gronbach. Born in Dedham, MA, Cynthia was the daughter of the late Daniel and Delia (Faherty) Grant. She graduated from the Chandler Secretarial School in Boston and worked as a Medical Secretary for many years, before becoming actively involved in training of Weimaraners, with one of her dogs going on to win the 1965 Sporting Group at the Westminster Dog Show. Bob and Garth kept her on her toes. Cynthia was an avid tennis player, loved gardening and looked forward to any opportunity to travel. She was a member of the Audubon Society. Cynthia loved people and was sure to make a new friend out of any stranger right away. She will be remembered for her infectious laugh and fondness for jazz as well as classical music. The family would like to thank Gladys Gyambi. Surviving is her son Garth Gronbach of Glastonbury, her nieces Lynne Heidelberg and Meredith Janson and her nephews David Heidelberg, Kieran Roy, Sean Roy and Christopher Janson. In addition to her husband, Cynthia was predeceased by her brother Frederick C. Grant and her three sisters Mary Roy, Anne Janson and Evelyn (Heidelberg) King. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Green Cemetery. Friends may call on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the funeral home. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Stoltz, Lillian R.



Lillian Rose (Cohen) Stoltz of Bloomfield, passed away at home on November 19th at age 104. She attributed her longevity to a loving family, word search puzzles, and chocolate. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of Sophie (Kaufman) and Herman Cohen. She was a graduate of Weaver High School, class of 1936B. She started her career at Brown Thompsons and later worked at Modern Drug Pharmacy in Hartford. She was the bookkeeper for Arthur's Fine Foods, Vernon Circle Market and Art's Provisions. She was a life-time member of the former Teferes Israel Synagogue, and served as president of its Sisterhood for two terms. She was currently a member of the Beth David Synagogue. She was a remarkable woman who lovingly enriched so many lives. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Arthur. The two were married for over 76 years. She leaves her children, Frances and Gary Lowenstein of West Hartford, cherished granddaughters Julie Rosenberg, and her husband Craig, and Emily Scher, and her husband Howie. She is also survived by her great-grandsons, Simon, Elliot, Spencer and Jonah - and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Leo and Lester Cohen. The family wishes to thank the Masonicare staff, and all of the health care providers that have shown such kindness to Lillian over the years. A special thank you to Betty and Trudie for their devotion, care, and patience as her live-in caregivers. Donations may be made to Beth David Synagogue, 20 Dover Road, West Hartford, CT 06119, or Jewish Children's Service Organization, Campership Fund, P.O. Box 370386, West Hartford, CT 06137. Funeral arrangements were provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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Zawisza, Joseph



Joseph Zawisza, 55, of Southington, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 22, 2021 at his home. Joe was born on July 1, 1966 in New Britain to Ellen (Goodwin) Niles and the late Chester "Butch" W. Zawisza Jr. He graduated from Southington High School, Class of 1985 and owned and operated CZ Auto Upholstery. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars and gardening, but most of all spending time with his boys. Joe is survived by his three sons, Joey, Michael and Zachary Zawisza, all of Newington; his mother Ellen Niles and her husband Quentin of Southington, his stepmother, Molly Zawisza of Southington; siblings, Robert Zawisza and wife Hope of Winsted; Chad Zawisza of Tolland, Tara Satkowski of Westfield, MA and his niece and nephews. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Karen Zawisza of Newington, many aunts, uncles and cousins and his close friend, Billy Pulcini. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Lavina and Carl Goodwin and paternal grandparents, Nellie and Chet Zawisza and his favorite aunt, Donna Pelletier. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory may be made to Bread for Life, 31 Vermont Ave, Southington, CT 06489. Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. from the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville with a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at the Immaculate Conception Church, 130 Summer St, Southington. Burial will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, November 28, 2021 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Plantsville Funeral Home. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Allgaier, Margaret C (Crowe)



Allgaier, Margaret Crowe, known to all as Mickey. We sadly share the news of her passing on Wednesday morning, November 10, 2021. Age 77, born on March 12, 1944 to the late William and Margaret (Winter) Crowe. Raised in West Hartford, CT, a graduate of Conard High School, and St. Anselm School of Nursing in Manchester, New Hampshire. Upon graduation, she served as a captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She was stationed in Japan during the Viet Nam War. Mickey took care of many U.S. soldiers med-evacuated to her post, eventually finding her way back to West Hartford with her son Nicholas. Mickey was an outstanding critical care nurse. She was very active at Elmwood Community Church in West Hartford, and became a member of Charlotte Congregational Church when she moved to Vermont to watch her granddaughter Ruby grow. She took beautiful and loving care of her mother until she passed away at age 98. Mickey left an indelible mark on so many. Her beloved son, Nicholas and his wife Deana of Huntington, VT, her two step sons, Doug Allgaier of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Darren Allgaier of Winter Springs, Florida. Her brothers William and his wife Dian of Peoria, AZ, James and his wife Kathleen of Otis, MA. Sister Barbara Trantolo and her husband Robert of South Windsor, CT. Granddaughter Ruby Allgaier, nieces and nephew Kathleen, Paul, Jessica, and Vanessa. Loving cousins and countless friends. She was predeceased by her precious cat Leo. She adored her Red Sox. We will miss Mickey always and never forget her kind and gentle spirit. The family would like to thank Chrystal Chagnon of Burlington, VT, the staff of Sterling House in Richmond, VT, and her hospice care team for all that they did for Mickey. There are no services per her request. Donations may be made in her honor to Habitat for Humanity.

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Blagusz, Mary (Koza)



Mary Koza Blagusz, 101, died peacefully on Thursday, November 18, 2021, in Denver, Colorado. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and moved to Hartford in her teen years, where she met the love of her life, Walter. They were blessed with 65 years together. Mary was employed by the Travelers Insurance Co. for 25 years. Her retirement years were spent in many volunteer positions at SS Cyril & Methodius Church and the Newington Senior Center. She will be forever remembered for her strong faith in God, great integrity, will power, stamina and ever-present desire to help others whenever possible. She was a devoted wife and mother. She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Feldman of Wellington, Florida, Jeanette Walters and husband, Brad, of Niwot, Colorado, and Diane Callow and husband Lynn, of Frederick, Colorado. She was the proud and loving grandmother of four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mary's warmth and prayer-full attitude toward life and others will be missed by family and friends.

Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home in Wethersfield is handling arrangements. Because of COVID concerns, there will be a private family burial. The family hopes to hold a Celebration of Life for Mary next summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 3629 West 29th Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80211. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com



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Kristoff, Frank J.



Frank James Kristoff, Jr., 90, of Coventry, beloved husband of the late Joan Kristoff passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021. He was born March 29, 1931 in Manchester, the son of the late, Wilma Kristoff and Frank Kristoff, Sr. He was one of ten children. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a very kind, generous man who would do anything he could to help anyone in need. He leaves his children, Peter Kristoff and his wife Donna of Willington, Alan Kristoff and his wife Virginia of ME, Jonathan Kristoff of MA, and Phyllis Kristoff of Coventry; his brother, Richard Kristoff of Columbia; grandchildren, Erica, Jennifer, and Elizabeth and three great grandchildren. Besides his wife and parents he was predeceased by his siblings, James, Marie, Arthur, Leona, Robert, Bernard, Lawrence and Ronald. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Tpke., Coventry, CT. Burial will follow at Nathan Hale Cemetery in Coventry. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Russell, Eileen (Cunningham)

Eileen Cunningham Russell (November 18th, 1927 – November 18th, 2021) passed away after a courageous 4-year battle with cancer while surrounded by family at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown Connecticut. Born on Pleasant Street in Thompsonville, CT, Eileen was the eldest of five children belonging to Edward and Eileen Cunningham. As the eldest, she helped care for her four younger siblings Joan Payne (deceased), Edward Cunningham (deceased), Rita Hartley, and Joseph Cunningham (deceased). Graduating during the end of World War II, just as Europe declared victory, Eileen set out on a job hunt before finding passion as a realtor and making it her life's career. Eileen is predeceased by her husbands Frederick Feinberg and Peter Russell and leaves behind three sons, Stephen (Stacey), Tim (Beth), and Peter (Ellen), and her adored grandchildren: Alexandra, Ethan, Michael, Jared, Eileen, and Riley. A longtime resident of Enfield, CT, Eileen focused her passion for volunteering through various organizations over the years. She was President of the Women's Club of Enfield and Women's Club of CT, becoming an active participant in their efforts to bring Hospice to Connecticut and aid the Special Olympics. She worked and served on the board of the Enfield VNA organizing talks and events for those seeking healthcare. In addition to her charity work, Eileen was a world-class traveler. She globe-trotted with her beloved husband Peter visiting places like Hong Kong, Thailand, and so much more. Eileen will be sorely missed by friends and family and leaves behind a charitable legacy that we all aspire too. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Eileen's name be made to: CT Hospice, General Federation of Women's Clubs, or the Enfield VNA. Or, to better continue her legacy, please volunteer at your local charities and organizations. Services will be held at St. Jeanne Jugan Parish (Holy Family Church) in Enfield CT at 10am on Tuesday the 30th of November. Burial services will be private. Please wear a mask and social distance at service.

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Bergeron Jr., Ernest T.



Ernest T. Bergeron Jr., 70, of Enfield, formerly of Tolland, Middletown and Little River, SC., passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Ernest was born on November 7, 1951 in Ware, Massachusetts one of six children of the late Ernest T. Sr. and Dorothy (Labonte) Bergeron. He was raised in Killingly, CT, attended local schools and was a graduate of Killingly High School. He attended and graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University having earned a BS in Psychology. Prior to his retirement in 2013, Ernest was employed as a Data Programmer for Aetna Life Insurance Company for over 15 years. He enjoyed writing poetry, working on carpentry projects and he was an avid Harley-Davidson enthusiast. He is survived by his two sons Marc L. Bergeron and his partner Amelia Clemmons of Hampstead, NC., and Adam E. T. Bergeron and his spouse Ruth Heisel of South Windsor, his three loved and cherished grandchildren Shane T. Bergeron, Ethan R. Bergeron, and Keira E. Bergeron all of South Windsor. Ernest also leaves his two brothers Keith Bergeron of Holly Ridge, NC., and Steve Bergeron of East Killingly, CT., and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a grandson Nolan Louis Bergeron. A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 5 to 7 pm with a Prayer Service at 7 pm. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice Program, 1290 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 4-B, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or to a Charity of the Donor's Choice. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Quattropani, Susan M.



Susan M. Quattropani, beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on November 19, 2021 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born on August 5, 1959 to Janet (Hammond) Miner and Ronal E. Miner, Susan grew up in Manchester and graduated from Manchester High School in 1977. She went on to work at Aetna Real Estate Investments where she met her future husband, Frank (Cicci) Quattropani. The two married in April of 1987 and had four children together. Following the birth of her first child in 1989, Susie gave up her career to stay home and raise her kids, a job she excelled at. Susie was well-known and loved for her heart of gold and her saint-like patience. She always saw the best in everyone and was one of the gentlest, kindest souls to grace our lives. Aside from shuttling her children to various sporting events and cheering quietly from the sidelines, Susan could be found watching Jeopardy and UCONN women basketball games, or enjoying annual trips to Mystic Village with her husband. Above all, Susie loved spending time with her family, to whom she unconditionally devoted her life and her love. Susan is survived by her husband, Cicci; her children, Joseph, Amy, Anthony, and Cassie; her mother, Janet Miner; her siblings, Laurie Miner, Diane Strano, and David Miner. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald. Calling hours will take place on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home, located on at 318 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford, CT. 06108. Susan will be laid to rest in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002, privately at the convenience of the family. To sign the online guestbook go to www.NewkirkandWhitney.com. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Cancer Research Institute, 29 Broadway, Floor 4, New York, NY 10006.

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Souza, Steven



Steven Souza of Winsted, Conn. died on Monday (November 22,2021). Born on July 25, 1951 in Fall River, Mass., he was the husband of the late Darlene L. Souza, son of the late John and Dorothy Souza, and brother of the late Greg and Jeff Souza. He is survived by his sons Brian and Chris Souza of South Carolina, his loving brother John Souza of Newington, sisters Darlene Purcell of Portland OR., and Lori Souza of Andover. He leaves behind 2 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. There will not be a service per Steve's wishes.

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Stroh, Betty Jean Welker



Betty Jean Welker Stroh, 90, died peacefully of natural causes at her home, Hilltop Farm in Suffield, Connecticut, on May 8, 2021. She had been in failing health for some time. The only child of Richard and Winifred Welker, Betty Jean Welker was born and raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, she was the wife of the late Hartford attorney Charles Stroh, with whom she enjoyed the well-known Hilltop Farm property.

After graduation Betty planned subdivisions of small, starter homes in the Hartford area. Later she joined a team of architects in designing the walkways and plantings that enhanced Constitution Plaza in Hartford.

At Hilltop Farm Betty and Charles bred racing thoroughbreds and a large herd of Holstein cattle, whose complex pedigrees she recorded meticulously. She also contributed her design skills to benefit the Suffield Garden Club, of which she was a member.

In the dog world Betty was known as the breeder and owner of German wire-haired pointers that were shown to national championships and field trial awards. Additionally, she served as a Connecticut trustee of the Eastern States Exposition, where, for several years at the annual horse show she volunteered to assist on the trophy desk.

A lover of dogs, sunshine, and her cherished Hilltop Farm--which she and Charles made permanently available to the Town of Suffield for conservation and public use--Betty will be remembered fondly for her hospitality and wonderful cooking. She leaves no close relatives but a legacy of friendship and philanthropy. Interment will be private at her request.

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Budkofsky, Selma (Melnick)

Selma Melnick Budkofsky, 94, of Bloomfield, formerly of West Hartford, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021. She was the beloved wife of 47 years of the late Morris Budkofsky who passed away in 1995. Selma was the daughter of the late Lena (Brightman) and Morris Melnick. She was born in Hartford on March 18, 1927 and attended Hartford schools, graduating from Weaver High School. Selma loved spending time with family. She was an avid tennis player, swimmer and exerciser well into her 80's. Her summers were spent in New London, as the "General" of her beach house at Neptune Park. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter Debra Dworetsky and her brothers Isadore, Harry, and Saul Melnick. She leaves her son, Alan (Sharon) Budkofsky, her son-in-law, Michael (Ellen) Dworetsky, brother Seymour (Judy) Melnick, brother-in-law, Harvey (Roz) Budkofsky, four cherished grandchildren, Alyssa (Glenn) Hyatt, Marc (Jillian) Budkofsky, Dina Dworetsky and Larry (Rachel) Dworetsky, five adored great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral will be graveside at Hartford Mutual Cemetery (adjacent to Simsbury Airport), 74 Wolcott Road, East Granby on Monday at 1:30pm. Following the funeral, there will be a meal of condolence and shiva visitation at Emanuel Synagogue until 6:00pm. Shiva continues with visitation on Tuesday at Emanuel Synagogue from 4:00-6:00pm with services at 4:15pm both days. Donations in Selma's memory may be made to Jewish Children's Service Organization, P.O. Box 370386, West Hartford, CT 06137 or to Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117. The family would like to thank the staff at Seabury Meadows and Seabury Skilled Nursing for their loving and compassionate care over the past four years. May her memory be a source of strength and blessing. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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O'Brien, Shirley C.



Shirley Comer O'Brien, 77, formerly of East Hartford and Westbrook, passed away at her home in Orlando, Florida on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. She was the wife of Richard S. O'Brien. Shirley was born in Marion, Ohio on March 1, 1944. She was the daughter of the late Homer Landon and Edith (Nicholas) Comer. Shirley's working career was in the cosmetics industry. She represented such companies as Coty, Estee Lauder, and Max Factor. Her many duties included flying into various cities throughout the country and stage product and educational seminars for department store personnel. Shirley was a member of the American Federation of Spiritualist Churches. She was a Certified Medium and served many churches in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Florida. Besides her husband of thirty-six years she leaves two children in Orlando, Matthew B. Copley and daughter and son-in-law Ginnifer (Copley) and Terry Steward. She also leaves her three Steward grandsons; Jason L. of Orlando, FL, Andrew J. (Ivonne) of Orlando, and Kyle G. of Los Angeles. She took great delight in her four Steward great grandchildren; Aiselyn, Andrew, Gentry, and Derek. Shirley is survived by two younger brothers; Dr. H. Nicholas (Jane) Comer of Marion, Ohio, Philip L. (Dianna) Comer of Coshocton, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her older sister, Maryann Comer of Delaware, Ohio, and older brother Lawrence A. Comer of Irving, Texas. Shirley was a beautiful woman, both physically and spiritually. Her loving nature brightened the lives of many, many people. A memorial gathering is being planned to take place in St. Cloud, Florida near the end of February, 2022.

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Ramsey Sr., Donald J.



Donald J. Ramsey, Sr., 72, of Higganum, beloved husband of Dora (Gutierrez) Ramsey, died Monday November 22, 2021, at Middlesex Hospital. Donald was born in Middletown son of the late Joseph and Angelina (Perruccio) Ramsey. Prior to his retirement Donald was employed with Pratt and Whitney as a Lead-man for 46 years. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the U.S. Army and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. Donald was an avid golfer and pool player and enjoyed the time spent with his pool league and golfing with his buddies. He was a life-long Yankees, Giants, and UConn Huskies fan. Donald loved taking his Corvette out for rides. Besides his wife, Donald is survived by, a son, Donald J. Ramsey, Jr., and his wife Emily of Higganum, a step-son, Peter Gutierrez of Higganum, two step-grandchildren Peter Gutierrez Jr., Angelica Gutierrez, a brother, Joe Ramsey of Middletown, Martin Ramsey and his wife Angela of Haddam, a sister Ann Ramsey-Cubeta and her husband Joe of Cromwell also several nieces and nephews. Donald was predeceased by his daughter, Jillian Beth Ramsey, and his brother, Frank Ramsey.

Don's family would like to extend a special thanks, to Arthur Collins and Don's life-long buddies for always being there for him.

Graveside services with military honors will be held Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 1 pm at the State Veterans' Cemetery 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com

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Spyke, Sydney O.

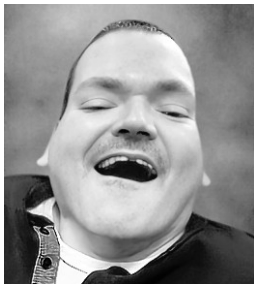


Sydney Oliver "Petnard" Spyke, 75, of Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 surrounded by his family. Sydney was born in Charles Town, St. Mary, Jamaica on March 24, 1946 and was the second child born of the late Sydney and Pearlina (MacFarlane) Spyke. He leaves to mourn his passing; wife Shirley, children Michelle (Lavelle), Olive, Anthony (Keshema), Michael and Corey, stepdaughters Litisha (Sean) and Jhaneil (Edric), brothers Clemente (Maisie) and Lenworth, sisters Hortense, Loraine, Rosalee, Sandra, Jacqueline and Yolanda, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of family and friends. Funeral service to take place, Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Rehoboth New Testament Church of God, 1170 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Calling hours are 9:30AM-10:30AM, with Homegoing service to begin at 10:30AM. Professional Services Entrusted to: Carmon Funeral Homes, 807 Bloomfield Ave, Windsor, CT 06095. To leave a message of comfort for the Spyke family, or attend the service virtually, please visit www.carmonfuneral.com.



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D'Auteuil, André P



AMSTON- André Phillippe D'Auteuil, 44, departed this life on November 25, 2021 at Hartford Hospital with his father at his side. He was the beloved son of Marcel D'Auteuil and the late Ann (Laurendeau) D'Auteuil. André was born in Sacramento, CA on November 1, 1977. He spent many years surrounded by amazing staff, that would become great friends at the Hebron Group Home in CT. André was a warrior throughout the challenges of life and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. André is survived by his loving father Marcel D'Auteuil and his wife Priscilla; Sister Nicole Warner; Brothers Robert and Benjamin D'Auteuil; Aunts Marguerite Hedges and Maryanne Cyr; Cousins Kristie Keeley, Christine and David Cyr; Cindy, Stephen and Mark Dynder; Aunt Aline Dynder; and Uncle Paul Laurendeau. He is also survived by the many friends and staff members of the Hebron Group Home whom the family would like to thank for their amazing care and love for André. A visitation will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021 from 4-7PM at the B.C. Bailey Funeral Home, 273 S. Elm St. Wallingford. Additional calling hours followed by a funeral service will be held at the Butterfield Home and Chapel 500 Pontiac Ave. Cranston, RI on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 from 4-7PM with a funeral service Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 11am directly at the funeral home. The B.C. Bailey Funeral Home of Wallingford, Connecticut has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit: www.BaileyCares.com

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Drogosz, Mariola J.



Mariola J. Drogosz, 55, of New Britain, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021. Born in Poland, she was the beloved daughter of Edward and Teodozja (Kowalski) Drogosz of Poland. Mariola was a longtime New Britain resident and a parishioner of Holy Cross Church. She was employed by the Hospital for Special Care for many years. Along with her parents, she leaves her brother, Krzysztof Drogosz, his wife Krystyna, and their children, Kamilia, Monika, and Sylvia of Unionville, and her sister Elizabeth Cwiertnia and her children, Izabella and Paulina, all of Poland. Mariola will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Calling hours will be private. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, 31 Biruta St., New Britain. She will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Nyenhuis, Hans A.

NEW HARTFORD – Hans A. Nyenhuis, passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his home. He was born in Saalfeld, Germany in 1936. He went to college in Aalen and Oberkochen. He was hired by the Zeis company. Hans met, fell in love and then married Inge M. Nyenhuis, nee Hegele from Aalen, Germany. He then worked for Steigerwald Strahltechnik GmbH where he was on the team that created electron beam technology.

In 1958, he and his wife moved to Jamaica Plains NY before moving to Avon CT and eventually moved to New Hartford in 1970 where they bought Windy Crest Farm. Here they raised a family of four, boarded thoroughbred horses, had cows, chickens, and pigs. They used to host epic (so I've been told since I was a baby) pig roasts.

He was your stereo-typical German; hard-headed, hard working and always right (because he said so). He loved working on and restoring old Mercedes cars.

His eldest son Michael predeceased him in 2013.

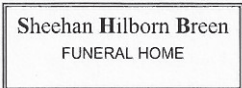
He is survived by his wife, Inge, his son, Chris and daughters, Gabriele and Sabine. He adored his grandson, Daniel and his fiance Allie. Please join us in a celebration of Hans A. Nyenhuis' life, Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 5 Steele Road, New Hartford at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hands of Grace, handsofgrace.org. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com. Krebs ist scheiße

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Perry, Joseph Albert



Joseph Albert Perry, 86, of West Hartford, beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Semer) Perry. Born on March 19, 1935 in Calabria, Italy son of the late Anthony and Rose Perry; and came to the U.S. in 1939 with his mother and siblings to join his father who had already immigrated to the U.S. Joe, as a young man, worked at the G. Fox Department Store in downtown Hartford before entering the dry cleaning business, where he worked for many years. Joe is a U.S. Military Veteran serving from 1957-1963. Joe enjoyed tennis and skiing, which he participated in with his wife. Joseph is survived by his two daughters Jennifer Williams and her husband Bill, and Laura Fabrizi and her husband Al; two grandchildren Albert and Rebecca Fabrizi and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his four siblings. The funeral and burial services will be private. For online condolences please visit: www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Darby, Charlene

Charlene (Lagasse) Darby, 73, of Manchester died Sunday November 21, 2021 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Madawaska, ME, she was the daughter of the late Donat and Catherine (Belanger) Lagasse and had lived in Manchester for many years. Charlene was a caring and selfless woman throughout her life, going so far as to refuse being placed on the heart transplant list so that a younger person might benefit. She is survived by her brothers Bert Lagasse of Manchester and Ronnie Lagasse and his wife Claudette; her goddaughter Ann Gagne and her husband Gary of Jacksonville, FL; her grandchildren Eric Gagne and his wife Ashley, and Casey Gagne; and her great-granddaughter Allison. Funeral service will be private and at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Elblonk, Ruth (Rogers)

Ruth (Rogers) Elblonk, 94, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away on November 23, 2021 in West Hartford, Connecticut. She was born to Harry Bertram Rogers and Lillian (Rabinowitz) Rogers on February 15, 1927 in Flushing, Queens, New York.

Ruth graduated from the University of Wisconsin and taught elementary school for many years. She married Samuel Elblonk in 1950. Together they raised 2 children: Joan and Dorothy in Westfield New Jersey. They later moved to Monroe Township, New Jersey, spending winters in Delray Beach, Florida. After Sam died, Ruth sold their homes and moved to The McAuley in West Hartford to be close to her family, which was so important to her. She was a beautiful, intelligent, and independent person.

Ruth is survived by daughters Joan (and husband Gary) and Dorothy, grandchildren Andrea (and husband Mike) Wiggins, Kim (and husband Keith) O'Brien, Melinda (and husband Gregg) Bateman, Samuel Hoyland, and Leah (and husband Jesse) Sklarz, 9 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Samuel Elblonk, parents Harry and Lillian Rogers, sister Deborah Fishman, brother Arthur Rogers and son-in-law Alan Hoyland.

A memorial service will be held at the Weinstein Mortuary 640 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105 on Sunday December 5 at 11:00 am. Remembrances will continue after the service at the home of her daughter Joan.

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Goldenberg, Dr. Edward J.

Doctor Edward Joseph Goldenberg (Eddie), 99, of Hartford, CT, passed away on Monday, November 22, 2021. Eddie was born on April 4, 1922 to Anne (Slossberg) and Saul Goldenberg and is survived by his sons, Steve and Paul and their spouses, Blanche and Patti, as well as a sister, Fanchon Cartin. He was predeceased by his brother, Jerome Goldenberg. In addition, Eddie leaves behind three beloved grandchildren, Robert, Sara and Matthew, and three cherished great-grandchildren, Henry, Sylvia and Mila. Eddie was a veteran of World War II with the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was trained as a pilot in the Army Air Corp. This training developed into a love of flying and aviation which became a lifetime passion. After the war, Eddie graduated from the Massachusetts School of Optometry and pursued a career as a doctor of optometry with offices in Hartford and Wilson. Eddie loved to play golf at Tumble Brook and Wampanoag and enjoyed the game well into his eighties. One of Eddie's greatest joys was playing cards with his friends. He was lucky to have almost daily games with these special friends until just a couple weeks ago. A private graveside ceremony will be held at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery in East Granby. The family requests that any donations made in Eddie's memory be made to Jewish Family Services, 333 Bloomfield Ave., #A, West Hartford, Ct. 06117. May his memory be a source of strength and blessing. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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Long, Michael P.



Michael P. Long, "Mike" as he liked to be called, of Essex, CT, passed away on November 21, 2021, from complications due to a stroke. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 1 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mike's

name to Sustainable Essex, Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT 06426; The Ministers' Discretionary Fund, FCCOL, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371; or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. To see Mike's full obituary please visit: www.rwwfh.com.

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Grillo, Linda (Nicholson)

Linda Grillo, age 71, of Rocky Hill, passed away on November 26 after a brief illness.

Linda was born December 15 1949 in Hartford. Linda graduated from Rocky Hill high in 1968. Linda was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Helen Nicholson and her brother Gary.

She is survived by 2 Daughters, Nicole Kutz (Steffen) , Unionville and Alisa Jones (Nic), Homewood Illinois, one brother David Nicholson (Nancy) Colonie New York. 3 grandchildren Alex, Maya and Nico. And several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at Rosehill Cemetery, Rocky Hill.
A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Arcenas, Sr., Danilo Sasoy



Port Charlotte, Florida
Danilo Sasoy Arcenas, Sr., 76, entered eternal life on November 16, 2021, into the waiting heavenly arms of his son, sister, Nanay, and parents.
Danilo was born on January 3, 1945 in Manila, Philippines. He was raised by his beloved grandmother whom he called, Nanay, during and after a WWII ravaged Manila. He came to America after his high school graduation in 1963 for a better life. He worked hard to emigrate his sister and Nanay to this country to join him in Durham, CT. He was drafted and proudly served the United States Army during the Vietnam War as an E5 Sergeant to the General with top security clearance as a communications morse code intelligence officer. He was honorably discharged in 1967. He met Naida in 1965, whom he married in 1968. They had three beautiful children together. Although their marriage did not last, they still had love and respect for each other and their family, co-parenting to continue to provide and improve the lives of their children.

Danilo later attended the Computer Processing Institute in East Hartford, CT, and he was employed by Aetna for 30 years as an IT Specialist and Manager. He was known to his former friends and colleagues as Big Dan or Pineapple. He enjoyed Chevy Camaro's (1968), Jai Alai, and hanging with his buddies at Grippo Shell in his younger years. He enjoyed watching a good game from the NY Yankees, the Hartford Whalers, and the UCONN men & women's basketball teams. He dedicated countless hours as a youth hockey dad for Middlesex, ECHO, CVHC, Columbia, South Windsor, Pioneers, Pics and the NE Sharks youth organizations as well as Loomis Chaffee and EO Smith. He traveled many hours to watch almost every lacrosse game for his son at RIT. He shared his love of Filipino food with his children, and he made amazing chicken adobo, pancit, and lechon. His pig roasts were legendary. He retired to South Florida in 2004 following the sudden death of his youngest son to be closer to his sister Medy whom he loved so dearly. Florida reminded him of the Philippines, and he lived there until his passing. He often occupied his time in later years looking for that special find at various Goodwill's.

Danilo's true calling came as that of Lolo (grandfather) to his three beautiful grandchildren who brought him pride and joy. He spent many summers in their NY home while they were growing up. He attended many of their hockey games, dance recitals, basketball games, and orchestra concerts. He loved to watch what they did day to day. We were blessed to have had one final family outing at Boca Grande, FL and one final summer together this year.

Danilo is survived by his loving daughter Allisa Cronin (Michael) and his son and namesake, Danilo Sasoy Arcenas, Jr.; grandchildren, Julia, Lily, and Jack Cronin; his former wife Naida Arcenas (Mark Lutta); brothers, Reed, James (Maria), and Galen (Katherine) Corson; sister, Cheryl (Corson) Kiaffas and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his youngest son, Wesley Arcenas; sister, Urmeida (Medy) Martini; father, Zosimo Arcenas; mother and stepfather, Emily and Harold Corson; Nanay, Felicia (Medina) Sasoy; and his dear friend, Martha Mayer.

Special thanks to our Mom and Mark for providing compassion and support to our Dad and opening their home to him for many years. Also, much gratitude to the staff and performers at the former Hu Ke Lau in CT and MA for providing us with many wonderful family gatherings and memories over the years and to the original Windsor Donut Shop for providing good cups of coffee and fantastic donuts to my Dad for many years while he lived in CT.

You did your job Dad! We turned out OK which was all you really wanted out of this life. Your legacy is the family you created and always wanted. You are so loved by us, and you will be missed dearly. "Ang Pag-ibig ang Siyang tulay na nag uugnay sa lupa at langit!" (Love is the bridge that connects Earth to Heaven!) Aloha Oe... until we meet again Dad.

Services will be private at a future date. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in honor of Danilo to Save the Children, PO Box 97132, Washington, DC, 20090-7132

Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the family at www.Englewoodfh.com

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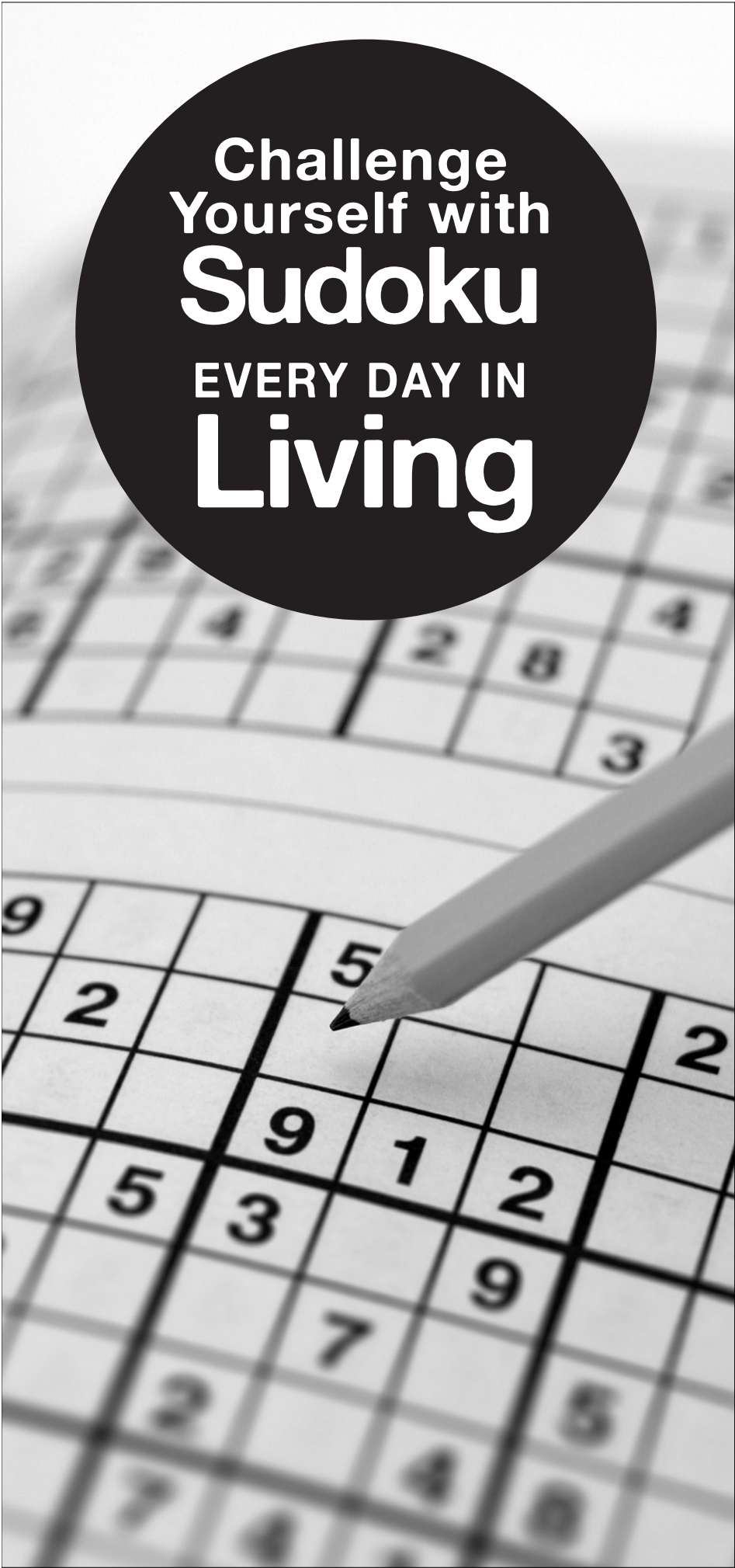
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FACT #341

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contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

FACT #84: A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

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Nina Kestenbaum and her fiancé, Carl Newton, both of Bristol, receive their first COVID-19 vaccinations at the Connecticut Convention Center on April 1. The CDC's latest recommendation that everyone get a COVID-19 booster six months after completing their initial series has raised another round of contention.
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Can, should or must?

Understanding the language of the CDC's latest vaccine recommendations

By Peter Suwondo and Howard P. Forman

On Nov. 19, the CDC issued new guidelines making all adults eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot six months after completing their initial vaccination series. In doing so, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky adopted the unanimous recommendation of a blue-ribbon panel of independent experts, calling the booster doses “an important public health tool to strengthen our defenses against the virus as we enter the winter holidays.”

In the days since, there have been strong signs of demand for boosters: More than a million people per day have been getting the extra jab since the CDC's announcement — an encouraging sign as we head into peak travel season. Meanwhile, more than 80% of American adults have already received at least one dose, enjoying some level of protection.

As has often been the case, however, not everyone was pleased with this latest guidance from the nation's top public health experts. The CDC's vaccine recommendations have inspired more contention than perhaps any other topic of public health guidance during the pandemic — especially now that children's health and schooling are at stake, and with signs that schools might soon add a COVID-19 vaccine to the list of shots that students already need to attend class.

Some observers have criticized the shifting vaccine recommendations as disjointed and confusing: If you want to know whether to get a booster shot, for example, the CDC's answer will depend on factors like your age, location, occupation, underlying health conditions, and more. Some people “may” receive a shot, while others definitely “should,” according to the CDC. Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, speaking before the latest guidelines were adopted, quipped that the “CDC speaks Latin. I can't figure out who is eligible.”

Other critics claim that the guidelines are too

prescriptive. They assert that the government has no right to decide if they “should” get the shot, ignoring the fact that public health laws and regulations — from seatbelt requirements to drinking water standards — are a common fact of life. To make their point, some skeptics have even drawn despicable comparisons between vaccine requirements and the Holocaust.

As clinicians on the front lines of treating COVID-19, however, we see something different in the CDC's nuanced recommendations: a return to the careful, evidence-based decision-making on which the agency originally built a trusted global reputation.

Too often throughout the pandemic, the advice of public health experts has been subjected to inappropriate political influence and censorship. Numerous reports have described how outside politicians have frequently sought to simplify, water down, or even overrule CDC guidelines on COVID-19 rather than confront the hard truths about the scope and nature of this crisis — behavior that ultimately eroded public trust in the agency. In recent months, however, we've seen a freer CDC return to the principles espoused in the agency's own handbook of emergency risk communication — among them: “be first,” “be right,” and “be credible.”

This “back to the science” philosophy has been repeatedly emphasized by Walensky and other Biden administration officials, and

is apparent in the detailed nature of the latest recommendations. While the pace of scientific discovery during the pandemic has been unprecedented — more than 100,000 studies on COVID-19 were published last year alone — there are still unknowns about the virus and the tools at our disposal to fight it. Rather than make controversial, unforced errors, the CDC and its advisers have been careful to stick to the science and avoid overstating their position.

Ultimately, the truth is that not every medical problem can be condensed into a one-size-fits-all approach. In the clinic, we rely on complex algorithms every day to guide our patients through illnesses ranging from high blood pressure to diabetes. Together, patient and doctor decide on the best course of action, considering the patient's own risk factors and goals. Though the complexity of the CDC's guidelines on COVID-19 might be daunting, medical providers are eager to share their expertise and help patients make decisions that are right for them.

Acknowledging this fact, Walensky, herself a practicing physician, made sure to encourage families to “talk to a pediatrician, school nurse or local pharmacist” when announcing the latest vaccine recommendation for kids. This, for one, is advice we can all agree on.

In the months ahead, there will inevitably be more twists and turns. Like any virus, the COVID-19 virus continues to evolve — and we too must adapt to keep our playbook up to date. Will an annual shot be needed to keep up immunity, like for the flu? What role may future antiviral pills play in stopping the disease? As evidence accumulates, we expect the CDC to become increasingly assertive with its guidance. In the meantime, we are thankful to have a CDC making recommendations that Americans can trust.

Peter Suwondo is a medical student at Columbia University and former public health adviser at the CDC. Dr. Howard P. Forman is a Yale professor of management, public health, economics and radiology.



Annie and Ned Lamont parade past the Capitol after Ned Lamont was sworn in as Connecticut's 89th governor in 2019. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

We have a right to know about Annie Lamont's ties to Sema4

Gov. Ned Lamont can be careless with the words he chooses. He described Connecticut as “a small landlocked state” in 2019. A couple of weeks ago the Greenwich Democrat did not seem to know if he'd created a reelection committee under state law.

Lamont can be inattentive to the meaning of his words — except when he is not. And he is not when the Lamonts' vast fortune makes its way into public view.

The governor provided an example of that care when he addressed the intersection of



Kevin Rennie

his wife Ann Huntress Lamont's venture capitalist firm's investment in Sema4, a company with a state contract for COVID-19 testing.

The rich can be sensitive about public discussions of their wealth. Ned Lamont has spent \$50 million on three campaigns for statewide office. He finally

won one in 2018. I offer this in the kindest possible way: Ned Lamont's political gifts are not so obvious that anyone could be certain he would have won the state's highest office without all that money to spend on the pursuit. Lamont's fortune put him in the game and kept him there.

The public is under no obligation to examine that fortune only when Lamont dips into it to finance another campaign. When it collides with the public interest, we have a right to know.

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OPINION

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A LESSON IN EMPATHY

In a college classroom at CCSU, the Great Debate still works. We can all learn something from these students.

By David Fink

The instructions were clear. Everyone was expected to offer opinions. And everyone would have to be polite. If this year was like every year in my American Government class, the Great Debate — on discrimination, equal opportunity and the government’s reasonable role in all of it — would get heated. And, of course, it quickly did. But because these students had spent a semester studying civics and democracy and absorbing journalism from reputable news sources, the debate offered diverse, fact-based opinions. “If an 18-year-old girl gets pregnant, why should the government have to take care of her and her baby?” a male freshman said. “Why didn’t she use birth control? Why did she have sex?” His frustration lit a fuse. Hands shot up, as other students challenged him. “Birth control fails sometimes.” “People aren’t perfect.” “Why should she be stuck with a child?”

His reply was swift: “Why can’t she just put the kid up for adoption?” That’s incredibly hard after you’ve carried the child for nine months, a junior woman responded. With no less emotion, we went from there to stereotyping and generalizing. Then profiling, then affirmative action. For two hours, these 21 students — Black, white, brown, Irish, Italian, Brazilian, Ecuadoran, Kenyan, Puerto Rican, Jewish, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Moslem, most young, a few middle-aged — spoke to each other, listened to each other and, most importantly, heard each other in the type of discussion that few have ever had. In this Central Connecticut State University classroom — away from an America poisoned by raucous meetings, threats, hateful emails, willful ignorance and worse — students from different backgrounds, cultures and political persuasions were talking, considering, confronting, smiling and never even close to becoming disagreeable. “The debate was really great,” one student told me. And the feeling was

unanimous. I have always avoided current events in my classes. I virtually never offer my point of view, wanting to keep students from feeling intimidated about offering their opinions. We study a bit of everything: the presidency, Congress, the courts, federalism and the Constitution, civil liberties, political socialization, political engagement, civil rights, the press-government relationship. The students, whose parents rarely are newspaper subscribers, for the first time read reputable newspapers for a week — the Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, New York Times or any of 30 other great papers of their choice. They learn that, yes, there is fake news on the internet, but not in these papers, with professional, experienced, ethical reporters and editors they can rely upon for accuracy. Week after week, we discuss articles in journals and publications that give them all sides of an issue. We analyze. We share perspectives. We pose questions. And we laugh. My students come to me with no real understanding of what American democracy is — the checks and balances, the liberties we enjoy, the social contract we must all sign onto, and the weaknesses that allow too many uninformed and misled Americans to doubt and damage our democracy. Yes, they are smart and hard-working. All but a handful have jobs, most of them full time. Most are at CCSU because they couldn’t afford prestigious private schools. But because the state’s civics education requirement is not mandatory and there is no prescribed curriculum, they are learning little about democracy

and government at home, and little more in school. So helping them learn is a pleasure. At the end of the day, they get it. Unlike too many Americans, they take the measure of their diverse classmates and begin to understand that different values, different backgrounds, different cultures and different needs can shape different views. They are willing to accommodate and compromise. Why can’t Americans be like my students? They can — if they do what my students do: get their noses out of their phones and Facebook pages, read reputable reporting on what’s happening in the world, reject the willful ignorance of the masses and the acquiescence of elected officials to the threats directed at school board members and members of Congress, and condemn the shameful suggestions by some to ban books or, amazingly, burn them. For their final exam, my students are reading the first third of Isabel Wilkerson’s masterful “The Warmth of Other Suns,” a sensitive, beautifully detailed description of the Great Migration. I ask them to empathize with those whose lives in the Jim Crow South were so tortured, and to then imagine what it might be like for them to have to leave their homes in Connecticut and seek out a new life in a strange and foreboding place. They are, in short, being asked to stop, put themselves in others’ shoes, and think. My students are doing it. Their friends, their families, their colleagues and all of America would do well to stop, empathize and think a bit, too. David Fink, a former reporter and editor at The Courant, teaches political science at CCSU.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Afraid for future of our country

Kyle Rittenhouse, 17, decides to take an assault rifle to a protest to “help” the police. The result of this action is that two people are dead at his hands. He goes to trial and on the stand he pretends to break down, blubbering like someone in a bad audition. He is then found not guilty on all counts. His actions occurred during a protest over the fact that a Black man had been shot by the police. If one of the protesters, especially if Black, had come with an assault weapon and shot two people, I think the verdict would have been quite different. How does this keep happening in the USA? I love this country, but I am very afraid for its future. Kevin Knox, Litchfield

Verdict clears path for vigilantes

Recently, about 80 masked thieves ransacked a Nordstrom store near San Francisco in a “smash and grab” raid that has become more commonplace in today’s America. Now throw into



Kyle Rittenhouse puts his hand over his face as he is found not guilty on all counts Nov. 19 at the Kenosha County Courthouse in Wisconsin. FILE

that frenzied mix a few individuals who feel emboldened by the Kyle Rittenhouse court decision, who come to shop while packing a concealed weapon. Sensing the need for them to protect the assets of the department store our heroes drag out their guns and fire, knowing that the full protection of their right to bear arms is being protected by our court system. Not so much for the innocent victims of their barrage. This scenario might appear cartoonish and ridiculous, but I

would hazard a guess that such an event is no longer beyond the realm of possibility, and that is truly disgusting. Gale Morganroth, Coventry

CT activists hope others do dirty work

Hartford activist Kamora Herrington said the Rittenhouse trial proves that Black lives don’t matter [courant.com, Nov. 19, “Rittenhouse acquittal a point of

frustration, but not surprise, for local activists”]. The fact is that the three people shot by Rittenhouse were white and were actively attacking him. He, as the jury agreed, acted in self-defense. Po Murray, chairperson of Newtown Action Alliance, wants Congress to ban all assault weapons to “protect Americans from political violence.” But who has been protecting Americans from the left-wing political violence we saw in Democrat-controlled states and major cities across the country for the last two years? Millions of dollars in damage, and Democratic mayors telling their police forces to stand down. Herrington and Murray are the kind of cowards who lead from behind, instigating others to do their dirty work. Martin Luther King Jr. would be ashamed of them. Allen Mickewich, Wethersfield

Lawmakers must support nutrition act

Every year after Thanksgiving, many find themselves with full plates and days’ worth of leftovers. Despite this, millions

around the world find themselves struggling to meet even the minimum nutritional requirements. Young children are particularly vulnerable to negative effects of malnutrition. Even before COVID-19, poor nutrition was the underlying cause of nearly half of all deaths of children under 5. The first 1,000 days of life — from pregnancy to a child’s second birthday — is a window of tremendous physical and cognitive development. Adequate calories and micronutrients like vitamin A are crucial to help children grow, learn and thrive. Bold U.S. leadership on nutrition is needed. The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act better positions USAID, our country’s main international development agency, to support countries to save more lives. I urge Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal and Reps. Jim Himes, Rosa DeLauro, Jahana Hayes, John Larson and Joe Courtney to support this act. All children deserve a strong start in life, regardless of where they are born. Ajshe Zulf, Trumbull The writer is a medical student at UConn.

Rennie

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The governor’s wife has enjoyed a successful career as a venture capitalist. Mrs. Lamont’s firm’s investment in Sema4 became a matter of public interest when the state entered into a contract with it last year as the pandemic hit Connecticut. Ned Lamont said they would donate Mrs. Lamont’s profits from the Sema4 investment to charity. The governor strained to point out in interviews with The Courant and the CT Mirror that there are no profits. It depends what you mean by profits. Sema4 recently report a third-quarter profit. Its value has increased dramatically — and value matters most to early investors. Sema4, now publicly traded, is worth \$3 billion, a lot more than when Mrs. Lamont’s company made its early investment. Connecticut’s no-bid contract with Sema4 helped make the company’s spectacular growth possible. It took 18 years for Tesla to make a full year profit. Amazon needed 14. Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos were able to grow rich as their companies made no profit but grew in value by eye popping sums. Gov. Lamont is too modest. Sema4 is a huge success. The people of Connecticut contrib-



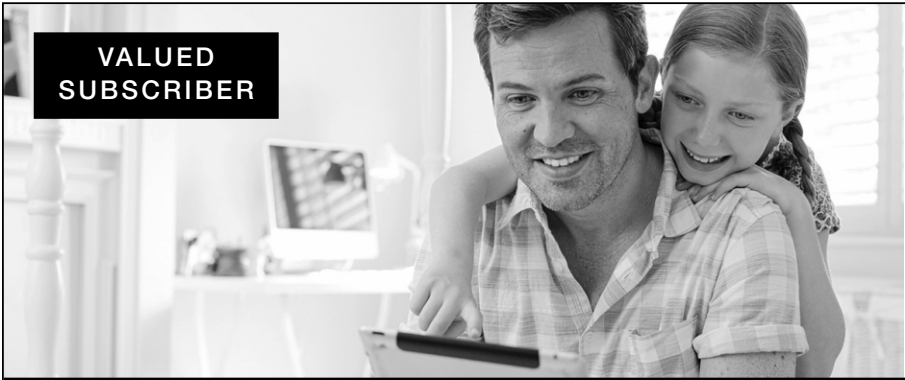
At a Sema4 lab in Branford, vials containing patient swabs collected from coronavirus testing sites around Connecticut are prepared to be analyzed for the presence of COVID-19. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

uted to its growth. The Lamonts will benefit from it. That’s an easy formula. Sema4 in the spotlight is a moment to remember that Mrs. Lamont is more than an observer of her husband’s administration. Her friend Andy Slavitt, a former

health care administrator turned investor, reveals her position of influence in his book, “Preventable: The Inside Story of How Leadership Failures, Politics and Selfishness Doomed the U.S. Coronavirus Response.” Slavitt’s self-regarding tale of the early

pandemic notes that he sent a memo on how to respond to early pandemic challenges. He quickly received a response from Mrs. Lamont, who arranged a call with her husband. She serves as a business adviser to a Slavitt investment company.

Mrs. Lamont is the governor’s closest adviser and takes an active role in his administration. She’s also a venture capitalist. The two roles can conflict. The governor’s sustained hostility to transparency feeds public skepticism in an age of suspicion. Lamont is not going to change and neither are the questions he will face at the intersection of his public trust and private interests. This holiday weekend calls for a celebratory ending. Take a moment to salute a remarkable figure who speaks with resolute joy in the blessing of freedom, Boston Celtic Enes Kanter. While other professional basketball players (and coaches) engage in craven appeasement of China, Kanter embraces the yearning for freedom. He condemns the subjugation of Hong Kong and Tibet, intimidation of Taiwan, and forced labor of Uyghur Muslims. Kanter spent his early years in Turkey before coming to the United States to play basketball as a student. He has used the platform of sports fame to draw attention to Turkey’s anti-democratic government. It responded by revoking his passport. Kanter’s defiant spirit in the service of freedom puts him in danger. He will not be silenced. Kanter became an American citizen in June — and we are as thankful as he is.



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COMMENTARY

Biden’s inflation pitch doesn’t pass the laugh test

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion

President Joe Biden has taken to saying that the Democrats’ “Build Back Better” legislation will reduce inflation. This spin isn’t just unconvincing. It underscores the absurdity of the Democrats’ political project.

The first weakness of Biden’s argument is that the timing is all wrong. On Nov. 10, the White House issued a prepared statement from Biden claiming that “17 Nobel Prize winners in economics have said that my plan will ‘ease inflationary pressures.’”

What they actually said is that it will “ease longer-term inflationary pressures.” Several of these economists say that Biden’s spending plans aimed at climate change, education, child care, housing and many other social programs will increase inflation in 2022 by pumping more money into the economy. Any downward pressure on prices would come later, as productivity increases in response to new federal investments in people and infrastructure.

But it’s the inflation that’s already happening that has Americans worried, which is surely why the White House erased the economists’ inconvenient qualifier. While this burst of inflation has lasted longer than many economists thought it would, it is still expected to decline over time — whether or not Biden gets the bill he wants — as the pandemic recedes and supply chains are rebuilt. Market-based projections of inflation have moved around a lot this year, but have consistently shown higher numbers for the next five years than for the five after that.

Even the economists’ long-term prediction is open to question. It assumes the legislation will succeed in making the U.S. economy appreciably more productive. The Penn Wharton Budget Model, on the other hand, estimates that the net effect of



Container ships wait to enter the Port of Los Angeles on Oct. 17. Surging inflation and supply chain disruptions are disrupting global economic recovery. **ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

the Democrats’ bill on the economy, even in the very long term, will be negative. It finds that some provisions will increase the number of hours Americans spend on the job, for example, but others will reduce it even more.

A political weakness of Biden’s inflation story, beyond its dubious merits, is that it is obviously opportunistic. He is saying what he is saying because he thinks a lot of Americans want him to address the rising cost of living. But nobody can believe that Democrats adopted this plan in order to reduce inflationary pressures, now or ever. It isn’t at all what you’d come up with if putting downward pressure on prices were your priority. And it would be an extraordinary coincidence if what the Democrats wanted well before inflation developed just

happened to be exactly what the doctor ordered to cure it.

The mismatch between the need to get inflation down and the Democrats’ spending initiatives raises two uncomfortable questions for the party. The first is why the Biden administration does not have a genuine anti-inflation agenda. I suspect it’s because the Democrats’ instinctive policy response to economic problems is to increase demand through subsidies and restrict supply through regulation. That’s how they approach health care, child care and higher education, and it tends to produce higher rather than lower prices.

Targeted deregulation and tariff reduction would ease some supply shortages, but the administration has shown no interest. More automation of ports would improve

their efficiency over the long run, but unions have resisted it and the bipartisan infrastructure bill Biden signed on Monday blocks any funds from going toward it. The Democratic Party’s interest groups and ideology combine to stop it from fighting to cut costs.

The second question is why Biden and the Democrats have put so much of their effort behind Build Back Better in the first place. Fighting inflation is not a plausible answer. But Democrats have struggled to articulate a better one. In part that is because such consensus as the party has had is too vague to sustain a compelling explanation. Nearly all of the Democrats in Congress have been united in wanting to increase spending by \$1.5 trillion or more during the next decade. When it comes to what the money is supposed to be spent on, they have had different priorities.

It’s the weirdly unfocused nature of their legislative agenda that has made coherent “messaging,” as the pols like to say, impossible. Biden could have spent the last five months arguing that paid family leave is a crying national need and vowing to meet it. But for much of that time, it was unclear whether the bill would include it, and if so whether it would be a serious or token effort. Inevitably, then, the discussion of the bill has focused on the price tag.

The truth is that the Democrats aren’t pursuing this spending bill in the spirit of meeting a pressing national objective. They’re just trying to cram as much of the progressive agenda as they can get through Congress before Republicans can end their control of it in the next election. That’s not the kind of advertising pitch likely to work on the public, though. And so we have ended up with the president pretending that this bill is his big idea to whip inflation.

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President Joe Biden gestures as he departs Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, on Nov. 19 after a routine physical exam. **SARABETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Biden’s health checks out

By Carl P. Leubsdorf
Dallas Morning News

At long last, President Joe Biden has undergone a thorough physical exam, and the detailed White House report ought to end the frequent insinuations from some critics that the nation’s oldest president is not up to the job.

But it probably won’t, given that he does show some signs of his age.

“President Biden remains a healthy, vigorous 78-year-old male, who is fit to successfully execute the duties of the presidency, to include those as chief executive, head of state and commander in chief,” concluded Kevin O’Connor, who has been his primary care physician for 13 years.

His six-page letter, issued after the Walter Reed National Medical Center exam on the day before Biden’s 79th birthday, contained detailed findings including test results from the president’s first complete physical in two years. It included an array of normal test results, listed five well-known prescription or over-the-counter medications, and showed no serious underlying conditions.

The letter also acknowledged — and explained — two obvious signs of aging Biden has displayed in his public appearances: frequent “throat clearing” and coughing during public remarks and a stiffness of gait while walking.

“President Biden experiences occasional symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux, primarily having to clear his throat more often,” it said, noting these instances “have seemingly been more frequent and more

pronounced.”

Detailed exams confirmed that conclusion, O’Connor added, reporting no signs of “ulcers, cancer or any other serious condition.” He saw no reason to change treating him with Pepcid, the over-the-counter acid blocker.

The report attributed Biden’s stiffened gait to “severe degenerative osteoarthritis change,” essentially, spinal arthritis. But it reported no signs of more serious causes, like “stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s or ascending lateral sclerosis.”

Biden has “a mild peripheral neuropathy” in his feet, meaning weakness stemming from nerve damage. But the report saw no sign of diabetes, a common cause, and no reason to change his current combination of physical therapy and exercise.

The report didn’t deal directly with Biden’s tendency to stumble sometimes over words in his public statements, which some political critics have alleged show declining mental faculties. Biden last year told Axios on HBO he generally made “mistakes” while “searching for a second” to find the words, attributing it to “being tired,” not his boyhood stuttering.

A recent POLITICO/Morning Consult poll showed increased voter concern about Biden’s physical and mental health. By a 10-point margin, those sampled disagreed with a statement he is “in good health,” and they divided evenly on whether he is mentally fit.

The report reviewed some conditions for which Biden had prior treatment, like seasonal allergies and sinus congestion, nonmelanoma skin cancers, an irregu-

lar heartbeat and small, noncancerous pouches in his colon. He underwent a colonoscopy this month, during which the doctors removed a small, “benign-appearing polyp.” They noted he has never had colon cancer.

Though Biden shows no tangible signs of any serious physical or mental illness, the White House appears to regulate his public schedule. That was also the case more than three decades ago with Ronald Reagan, the country’s first president in his 70s, especially after an over-scheduled foreign trip on which he nodded off while meeting with the pope.

Unless world events or official activities require his participation, Biden spends most weekends at his Wilmington, Delaware, home or the presidential Camp David retreat in Thurmont, Maryland, both about an hour from Washington.

On most days, officials call the “lid” signifying the end of public activities by late afternoon. They carefully limit his interactions with the press, including relatively few full-scale interviews, limited questioning after making some statements and few full-length news conferences, mostly on international trips.

Recently, in a change from recent custom, Biden did not hold a news conference after his White House meeting with Mexico’s president and Canada’s prime minister.

During the 2020 campaign, the COVID-19 pandemic limited most traditional campaign barnstorming. Though President Donald Trump, his Republican opponent, held many of his signature campaign

rallies, concern over the virus meant Biden spent much of the campaign communicating with the media and the public from a studio in the basement of his Wilmington home.

That spared him some of the most arduous aspects of presidential campaigning but also kept him healthy. Trump contracted COVID-19 and was briefly hospitalized at Walter Reed.

Now, with Biden’s job approval declining and polls showing him running no better than 50-50 in a rematch against Trump, many Democrats consider it unlikely he will seek a second term in 2024, when he will be nearing his 82nd birthday. However, press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters Monday night on Air Force One that Biden plans to run for reelection. “That’s his intention,” she said.

Biden has often said he would not have sought the White House again in 2020 were it not for the threat he believed Trump’s presidency posed to the country’s well-being. He said his purpose was to restore “the soul of America.”

Probably no other Democrat could have defeated Trump in 2020. But the political climate will be very different by 2024, and the reasons that prompted him to run may be less relevant.

Whatever happens then, however, his medical review seems to provide welcome reassurance that Biden has no health problems that keep him from doing his job. At least for now.

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Gerard Rodriguez and Shirine Babb rehearse for "It's a Wonderful Life" at Hartford Stage. The show runs through Dec. 26. **DEFINING STUDIOS**

Sentimental favorite

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

It's a joyful story, a wonderful script and very flexible," Hartford Stage Artistic Associate Rachel Alderman says of "It's a Wonderful Life," the theater's choice to raise spirits this holiday season.

When Hartford Stage realized it couldn't do its traditional "A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas" this year, the artistic team knew they couldn't replace it with just anything. They needed to find a new community-affirming, holiday-themed show.

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," adapted by Connecticut-based playwright Joe Landry from the classic Frank Capra film starring Jimmy Stewart, fit the bill. The show, with a cast of five playing all the roles, as if they were broadcasting the story live on radio in the 1940s, runs through Dec. 26.

"It's a very special and meaningful slot in the season for us," says Alderman, who's co-directing the production with Hartford Stage Artistic Director Melia Bensussen. Alderman was charged

With 'A Christmas Carol' on hiatus, Hartford Stage turns to 'It's a Wonderful Life' for this year's holiday classic

with overseeing "A Christmas Carol" for the past several seasons, including the introduction of its first new Ebenezer Scrooge in many years, Michael Preston. Alderman also devised last year's virtual show "A Community Carol," a new take on the Dickens classic using some of the regular cast members from the long-running live rendition.

There's continuity this year too: Preston will play the villain of "It's a Wonderful Life," the banker Mr. Potter, whom Alderman likens to Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol." Preston's also providing the live radio show's narration and playing a kinder character, Uncle Billy. It's Billy's misplacing of a critical bank deposit that sets in motion the play's main plot: upstanding but beaten-down citizen George Bailey and his meeting with an angel that

helps him look at his life from a fresh perspective.

Hartford Stage had hoped to do "A Christmas Carol" again this year. "We had a moment," Alderman says, "where we said if we can't make the call to do it by a certain date, we just can't do it. Health and safety was our biggest concern." The show — which has a large cast, including many children, and involves tricky flying-ghost effects — takes weeks to prepare and rehearse. The theater intends to return to the tradition of "A Christmas Carol" as soon as its possible.

The Hartford Stage production of "It's a Wonderful Life" has some things in common with Bensussen's production of "Ah, Wilderness!" there last month: an ethnically diverse cast and a heightened sense of Connecticut.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is set in the fictional town of

Bedford Falls, which the original film suggests is in upstate New York. In the Hartford Stage version, the radio station broadcasting the drama is based in Hartford, with appropriate local references.

Landry, the playwright, has been consulting on the production. "He's been so generous, very supportive as a fellow Connecticut artist," Alderman says.

Landry's adaptation has become a holiday staple around the country over the last couple of decades, including numerous productions in Connecticut. New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre did a lavish version in 2011 that heightened the use of radio-theater sound effects and also featured a whirling snowstorm. Herstory Theater has been staging the show for years — this year its production is happening on Dec. 9 at the Little Theater of Manchester, on the same night as a very different performance at Hartford Stage.

The Hartford Stage casting was meant to create "a bridge" by providing familiar faces from past Hartford Stage

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COURANT ARTS PICKS FOR NOV. 28-DEC. 3

Tracy Morgan, Trans-Siberian Orchestra and Tchaikovsky

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Here's are some best bets for arts events coming up soon: three major authors at the Mark Twain House, one of them accepting a prize. Two shows in the same day from the seasonal sensation Trans-Siberian Orchestra at one Connecticut casino, with a show by a different holiday-themed classical rock show, Mannheim Steamroller, at the other Connecticut casino. Plus two holiday shows at Playhouse on Park.

And amid all the classical bombast and religious themes, it's nice to have the outspoken comedians Tracy Morgan and Lewis Black in the state as well.

Christmas prog rock

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Christmas-themed prog-rock spectacles have been a fist-pumping holiday tradition for decades, so much so that the essentially faceless band sends out multiple simultaneous tours at this time of year. You have to chances to rock out to "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo," at 3 and 8 p.m. on Nov. 28 at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. \$50.50-\$89.50. mohegansun.com.

Mark Twain author events

The Mark Twain House has back-to-back-to-back in-person author events on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Nov. 30, thriller writer David Baldacci discusses his work with Michael Morand of Yale's Beinecke Library. Baldacci is a trustee of the Mark Twain House and a real champion of the organization, and the discussion is this year's Mark Twain Birthday Lecture event. (Twain, aka Samuel Clemens, turns 186 that day, though reports of his death in 1910 have not been exaggerated.)

On Dec. 1, the museum bestows its 2021 Mark Twain American Voice in Literature Award on Stephen Graham Jones for "The Only Good Indians."

Both those events are free and take place at the Twain House, 351 Farmington Ave., Hartford.

Then on Dec. 2 for \$30 at Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland St., Hartford, the Mark Twain House & Museum hosts Jodi Picoult talking about her latest bestseller "Wish You Were Here."

All the events are at 7 p.m. marktwainhouse.org.

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Trans-Siberian Orchestra, known the world over for rocking Christmas tunes, plays two shows at Mohegan Sun Arena on Nov. 28. **HANDOUT**

Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits



"Blue Corvette," a 2016 work by Cheryl Kelley, is part of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum's exhibit "Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting." **CHERYL KELLEY/COURTESY LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM**

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500-1800" runs through Jan. 9. "Discovering Rose Fried's Nephew

by Alice Neel" runs through Jan. 23. "Christina Forrer / MATRIX 187" runs to Jan. 2. Leonardo Drew's sculpture is in the Main Street lobby until Jan. 2. "Stories in Ivory and Wood, told by Master Carvers" is up until Jan. 23. thewadsworth.org.

Chez Est, 458 Wethersfield Ave. in Hartford: "Queer Art: Retrospectively," with work by Anne Gogh, Basurababi, Marc-Anthony, Anthony Barroso, Robert Bienstock, Jesse Bowie, KC Councilor, Susan Czark, Siobhan Ekeh, Tony Ferraiolo, Lena Fin, Lari Freeman, Elliott Grinnel, Don Houston, Maxwell Kale, Jules

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Larson, Lee Massaro, Luciana McClure, Ricky Mestre, Jail Marc Renee, Jesus Morales Sanchez, Sarah Savercool, JuanCarlos Soto, Carl Sylvester, Charlotte van Voorhis and Tia Lynn Waters, is up until Dec. 15. newhavenpridecenter.org/exhibitions/exhibit-queer-art.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: “Strict Beauty: Sol LeWitt Prints” is up to Jan. 9. “Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After” is up until April 1. “Cycle of Terror and Related Work by Graydon Parrish” is up until Dec. 31. nbmaa.org.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: “Portrait of a Picture: Wladyslaw Prosol” is up to Dec. 11. hplct.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: “Nothing” Seunghwui Koo” is up until Dec. 19. “Naufragium: Kenny Martin” is up until Feb. 13. realartways.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: “Imagine: The works and artistic legacy of Dan J. Ferraina” is up to Dec. 4. windsorartcenter.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford: The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenueum is Alexander Calder’s massive red “Stegosaurus.” In front of the Athenueum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenueum is Carl Andre’s “Stone Field Sculpture.” Also across the street from the Athenueum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: “Albert’s Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s” is up until April 16. “Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health” will be up until Oct. 15, 2022. Permanent exhibits are “Making Connecticut” and “Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut.” chs.org.

WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: “Perspectives of Home” will be on show from Dec. 3 to Feb. 22. workspacemanchester.com.

Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford: Connecticut Women Artists’ Council Presents “Art in the Face of Hard Times” to Dec. 29. mandelljcc.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: “Tajima in Relief,” a retrospective of relief prints by Tajima Hiroyuki, is up to Dec. 11. usj.

edu/arts/art-museum.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: A Small Works Exhibit is up to Dec. 19. A holiday craft market will be up Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 4. On Nov. 26 and 27, the artists are photographer Doug Hockman, jeweler Jackie Bright, printmaker Krista Narcisco, potter Elizabeth Himmelman, quilters EdJohnetta and Ayisha Miller and jeweler-photographer Lisette Padilla. On Dec. 3 and 4, the artists are potter Claudine Smith, jeweler Dina Belyayeva, mixed-media and jeweler Irene Zytka, potter Debbie Altschwager, jeweler Sara Loisel, fiber artist Dana Rau, and painter Steph Kex. westhartfordart.org.

Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain: “Foundation Paintings” by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. happeninghere.org/fpp.

Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road: A holiday exhibit by members of the Avon Arts Association is up until Dec. 29. avonarts.org.

Barnes-Franklin Gallery at Tunxis Community College, 271 Scott Swamp Road in Farmington: The 15th anniversary invitational exhibit is up until Dec. 15. tunxis.edu/campus-resources/barnes-franklin-gallery.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: “Haiti: Land of Beauty,” work by Patricia Brintle, is up until Nov. 30. spsact.org.

Southington Community Cultural Arts, 93 Main St: Artwork by artwok of local veterans will be up from Dec. 1 to 30. Participants include Cliff Ongley, Bill Bowden, Bob McMillan, Pauline Woodeshick, Bruce Cotton and Ralph Nardi. southingtonarts.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: “Holiday Pop-Up/Support Local Artists” and solo shows by Renée and Patrick Hughes and by Patty Weise will be up to Dec. 18. galleryonthegreen.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: “Childhood in American Art” is up until Dec. 18. “Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art” is up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Contemporary Art Galleries, on the campus of UConn in Storrs: “Death Throes,” an exhibit of mirrored-glass works by Eden Dodd, is up until Dec. 5, by appointment only. contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: “Many Pieces Make a

Whole,” mosaics by Deb Aldo, and “Sand Paintings From The Navajo Nation” are up until Dec. 15. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: Open & Shut Juried Multimedia Exhibit is up from Dec. 2 to 18. artscentereast.org.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: “The Language in Common,” a group show with work by Cecilia Vicuña, Tanya Lukin Linklater, Julien Creuze, Jasper Marsalis and Alice Notley, will be up to Dec. 12. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: The gallery is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Japanese garden with an exhibit through Dec. 10. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Earth and Fire Art Studio, 2 Main St. in Essex: A group show will be up until the end of December. earthand-fireartstudio.com

Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 E. Main St. in Clinton: Clinton Art Society Award Winners Exhibition will run until Jan. 27. Works by Mike Eagle, Mary C. Daly, Beverly A. Schirmeier and Maureen Wilkinson. clintonartsociety.info.

Wesleyan Potters, 350 S. Main St. in Middletown: Annual holiday sale runs from Nov. 26 to Dec. 12. wesleyan-potters.com.

Artists for World Peace, 428 Main St. in Middletown: Holiday Marketplace and Gallery will be Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. artistsforworldpeace.org.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: “Peace on Earth” runs to Jan. 9. spectrumartgallery.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: Work by Kristin Emilyyta will be up to Dec. 31. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic: “The Artist as Witness,” work by Elise Engler, Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Lee Jupina Sr., Käthe Kollwitz, Michael Reddick and Rowan Renee, is up until Feb. 1. easternct.edu/art-gallery.

Litchfield County

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: “Wrench & Obi,” an exhibit of work by Scott Ritter, is up until Jan. 31. thesophiegallery.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: “Gelah Penn: Angels with Dirty Faces” is up to Dec. 12. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

Souterraine Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall: Cornwall Artisans Pop-Up shop will be up from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 26 to 28 and then every Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 19. souterraingallery.net.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: “Flora and Fauna,” featuring oil paintings by Lilly Woodworth and etchings by Allen Blagden, is up until Dec. 24. huntlibrary.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: “David Konigsberg: Equilibria” will be up from Nov. 27 to Jan. 23. kbfa.com.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: Exhibits of work by Susan Hoffman Fishman, Bob Chaplin and Jennifer Sabella are up until Dec. 19. fivepointsgallery.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: “Art = Gift” is up until Dec. 24. hygienic.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives” is up until Jan. 24. flogris.org.

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: “A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage ‘Round the World’” will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series “America: Over the Edge,” can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: “A Mix of Oil & Water,” a show of watercolor and oil-acrylic paintings by nine artists, is up to Jan. 2. lagruacenter.org.

Sill House Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “Memento Vivere,” with work by Felipe Alonso, Steven Assael, David Baird, Colleen Barry, Tamie Beldue, Hedi Ben Nun, Nina Cairns, Eudald De Juana, Hollis Dunlap, Paul Fenniak, Ann Gale, Michael Grimaldi, Amaya Gulpide, Grzegorz Gwiazda, Diarmuid Kelley, Edward Kinsella, Paco Lafarga, Kate Lehman, Eduardo Millan, Eloy Morales, Ed Praybe, Edmond Rochat, Travis Schlaht, Bernardo Siciliano, Will St. John, Peter Van Dyck, Eran Webber, Timothy P. Wilson and Yuval Yosifov, is up until Dec. 9. lymeacademy.edu.

Lyme Art Association, 90

Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “Deck the Walls,” the annual holiday show, it up from Nov. 19 to Jan. 2. lymeartassociation.org.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: “Michael Melford: A Passage between Earth and Sky,” an exhibit of work by the National Geographic photographer, and “Flourish,” a group show celebrating survival, are up until Dec. 19. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 62 Broadway: “Seeking Solace” work by Susan Scott Kenney, is up until Nov. 30. norwich-arts.org/exhibits

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: “Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting” is up to Jan. 2. “The Way Sisters: Miniaturists of the Early Republic” will be up to Jan. 23. “Ken Friedman: 92 Events,” a show of work by the Fluxus artist, is on view through Jan. 16. lymanallyn.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: “On the Basis of Art: 150 Years of Women at Yale” is up to Jan. 9. The permanent collection also is on display. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: Permanent collection exhibits “Britain in the World” and “Love, Life, Death, and Desire: An Installation of the Center’s Collections” are up until Dec. 31. “Furniture at the Yale Center for British Art: A Selection” is up until Dec. 12. “The Hilton Als Series: Njideka Akunyili Crosby” is up until Jan. 22. britishart.yale.edu.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: “Christian Curiel: Between Reveries” will be up to Nov. 28. nxthvn.com.

New Haven Pride Center, 84 Orange St.: “The art of Page Wooller” is up until Dec. 31. newhavenpridecenter.org/exhibitions/exhibit-queer-art.

Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven: John T. Hill: Persistent Observer,” an exhibit selected from 65 years of photographs, is up to Jan. 15. institutelibrary.org.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: The holiday artisan fair is up to Dec. 23. gallery53.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: “Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era” and “Factory” are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: “William Frucht: Last Summer” is up to Nov. 28. “Reveries:

Journaling in Place,” a show of work by Susan Newbold, will be up from Dec. 3 to Jan. 2. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 63 Prospect St. in Waterbury: “Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera” is up until Jan. 16. “Collecting Presidential History: Signatures and Ephemera,” an exhibit of pieces from the collection of Francis T. “Fay” Vincent Jr., is up until Dec. 31. “An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury” is up until Jan. 16. mattmuseum.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: “Circumnavigation,” work by Brian Flinn, and “Parker / Wilton,” work by R. F. Wilton, are up to Nov. 28. kehrerliddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: The annual holiday show is up to Jan. 12. susanpowellfineart.com.

Fairfield County

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: “When Caged Birds Sing,” an exhibit by Ann Weiner of eight life-size sculptures representing women’s rights activists, is up until February. mocawestport.org.

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: “Hugo McCloud: from where i stand,” an exhibit of found-object culture, “Adrienne Elise Tarver: The Sun, the Moon, and the Truth” and “Lucia Hierro: Marginal Costs” are up to Jan. 2. “Karla Knight: Navigator” is up until May 8. aldrichart.org.

The Glass House, 199 Elm St. in New Canaan: The historic home of architect Philip Johnson is open for outdoor tours. “Pliable Plane: Anni Albers” is up until Dec. 13. theglasshouse.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: “71st A-One” is up until Dec. 30. silvermine-art.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: “Fisher Dollhouse: A Venetian Palazzo in Miniature” and “RESOLUTE: Native Nations Art in the Bruce Collection” are up to Jan. 31. brucemuseum.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: A 10 Year Retrospective Group Exhibition runs to Dec. 17. Artists are Lisa Berger, Paul Berger and Caroline Harman of Newtown; Colin Burke and Phyllis Crowley of New Haven; Joy Bush, Tom Peterson, Kerri Sancomb, Jeff Mueller and Keith Johnson of Hamden; Shona Curtis of New Preston; Chris Durante of Redding; William Frucht of Danbury; Daisy Gesualdi, David Gesualdi, Vito Gesualdi and Tara Tomaselli of Bethel; Gene Gort of Torrington; Cam Gould of Monroe; Marcy Juran of Westport; Ben Larra-bee of Darien; Nancy Lasar of Washington. stillrivereditions.com.

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Picks

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Playhouse on Park

Playhouse on Park has two holiday shows happening at once: one live and one virtual.

The live one, Dec. 1-19 at 244 Park Road, West Hartford, is “Miss Bennet — Christmas at Penderbly” by Lauren Austen character Mary Bennet would be like a couple of years after the events of “Pride and Prejudice.” Tickets are \$40-\$50, \$37.50-\$47.50 seniors/students/Let’s Go Arts members. playhouseonpark.org.

The virtual presentation is an encore of “All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914” by Peter Rothstein with musical arrangements by Erick Lichte and Timothy C. Takach. It’s a choral work the playhouse filmed outdoors last year, available on demand Nov. 26 through Jan. 1. Playhouse on Park. \$20. playhouseonpark.org.

Chvrch service

The Scottish synth-pop band Chvrches, originally formed as a studio-only project a decade ago, has since toured the world and even appeared in an Archie comic book. Chvrches’ new album is “Screen Violence.” The band plays Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. at College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven. collegestreetmusic hall.com.

Mannheim holiday

Mannheim Steamroller’s deft blend of stadium rock, new age and classical music was created 35 years ago by composer Chip Davis. It’s been an international touring sensation for at least that long, especially at Christmastime. Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort Casino, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. \$35-\$55. foxwoods.com.

Tchaikovsky & Grieg

Hartford Symphony Orchestra will bring back its “Holiday Cirque Spectacu-



Lauren Mayberry of CHVRCHES performing at the Coachella Music & Arts Festival in 2019. **AMY HARRIS/INVISION**

lar” later this month, but has also turned its latest MasterWorks concert, Dec. 3-5 at The Bushnell’s Belding Hall, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, into a holiday event.

The symphony will be playing the first act finale from Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite,” giving you a chance to savor the score without any distraction from dancers. Also on the program are two piece by Edvard Grieg: a piano concerto and music from his opera “Peer Gynt.” \$35-\$68. hartfordsymphony.org.



Lewis Black. **GARY MILLER/GETTY**

Morgan works it out

Comedian Tracy Morgan of “SNL” and “30 Rock” fame is working out new material over four intimate sets on Dec. 3 and 4 at 7 and 9:30 p.m. each night at the FunnyBone Comedy Club Restaurant, 194 Buckland Hills Drive Suite #1054, Manchester. It’s the comic’s “Working It Out” tour. \$42-\$57. hartford.funnybone.com.

Black’s getting better

Lewis Black’s signature

red-faced rants are ideal for this tense, agitated time of year. The title of the curmudgeon comedian’s new tour, “It Gets Better Every Day,” is intended to be ironic. Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Palace, 61 Atlantic St., Stamford. \$50-\$75. palaces-tamford.org.

Ralphie’s been rehearsing

There’s a new tour of “A Christmas Story — The Musical” starting out, and it’s rehearsing at the Palace Theater in Waterbury. After a couple of tech rehearsals, the show will give two public performances Dec. 4 at 1 and 7 p.m.

This is the musical, with songs by the team who later brought you “Dear Evan Hansen,” based on the movie about a kid who dreams of owning a BB gun and his father, who wins a lamp that looks like a lady’s leg. \$49-\$79. 100 East Main St., Waterbury. palacetheaterct.org.

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Renner takes aim at TV

Eclectic choices and unexpected circumstances helped actor develop duality displayed in two new shows

By Dave Itzkoff
The New York Times

When Jeremy Renner has the time — a commodity that is in short supply for him lately — he sometimes thinks about why film and TV creators like to cast him as hardened, emotionally wrung-out men in need of redemption.

Setting aside his Academy Award-nominated performances in tense dramas like “The Hurt Locker” and “The Town,” Renner suspected that his tendency to be hired for what he called “coiled-spring characters” probably has something to do with his distinctively rugged countenance.

“I don’t have a Disney face,” he said, letting loose with a raspy laugh. Contemplating himself from a distance, he continued: “That guy, he’s got some experience in his life. He’s got some hardships. There are murderous qualities in that resting face of his.”

That being said, “Can I also do a Disney film?” he added. “Hell, yeah, I can do a Disney film. I’m not the king of darkness here.”

Audiences can see that duality on display as Renner — who has not played a continuing TV role in more than a decade — stars in two very different streaming series.

Renner was recently introduced as Mike McLusky, the disconsolate protagonist of “Mayor of Kingstown,” a new Paramount+ series from the “Yellowstone” co-creator Taylor Sheridan, about the interconnected lives in a fictional Michigan city centered on a prison.

Then he returned to the role of Clint Barton, the wisecracking marksman of the Avengers, in “Hawkeye,” a six-episode miniseries on Disney+.

“Hawkeye” promises the signature buoyancy of the Marvel franchise, with its alternating beats of one-liners and explosions, as well as some narrative consequence. Renner was particularly amused by its contrasts with “Mayor of Kingstown.”

“This is sweet, light fare,” he said. “There’s some heaviness to it, don’t get me wrong. But comparatively, ‘Mayor of Kingstown’ is going to hit people with a hammer.”

That he can star in both shows — that creators and audiences accept him in projects that are popular and that are personal, playing men of decisive deeds and men with internalized conflicts — is a source of both puzzlement and delight to him.

He has been moving on these parallel tracks for many years. Now a combination of eclectic choices and unexpected circumstances have led the Renner, 50, to this pair of prominent streaming projects — an outcome that he finds satisfying, even if he’s not sure



Jeremy Renner, seen Nov. 1 in Los Angeles, is returning to the role of Avenger Clint Barton. RYAN PFLUGER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

what it says about him or the vagaries of sustaining a lengthy Hollywood career.

“Some people just know me as Hawkeye,” Renner said. “Some people go a little deeper — ‘He was also Jeffrey Dahmer, he was nominated for this, he’s actually a proper actor.’”

He added: “Either way, I don’t care. That’s awesome, either way you see me.”

In his earliest days as a theater actor, he pivoted from playing the Scarecrow in a Modesto Junior College production of “The Wizard of Oz” to parts in Lyle Kessler’s brutal thriller “Orphans” and as a suicidal teenager in a stage version of “Ordinary People.”

Even as Renner began to break through in film and television, he was reluctant to contemplate what his dream roles were — if he had any at all. “Maybe 10, 15 years ago, I was like, it’d be cool to be a cowboy in a Western,” he said. “It’d be

cool to be in sci-fi. But that’s just an ego thing — those are only words.”

And then in short order he fulfilled all those goals, delivering memorable performances in movies like “28 Weeks Later” and “The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford.”

When Marvel started considering him for Hawkeye, Renner was riding high from “The Town,” a Boston crime thriller, and “The Hurt Locker,” an anxious Iraq War drama, and the studio believed he could bring a strain of realism to contrast with fantastical characters like Iron Man, Captain America and Thor.

Kevin Feige, the Marvel Studios president, said that Renner was sought to supply “the human element of ‘The Avengers’ — the Everyman who gets banged and bruised up, who can’t fly and still runs into battle with the best of them.”

He added, “It needed an actor who could stay grounded despite the insanity surrounding him, and also have a wry sense of humor while doing that.”

Renner took on the role and the multiyear commitment it meant, grateful that it offered him the freedom to be more selective about his non-Marvel work.

Renner remarked more than once that going straight from “Hawkeye” (which filmed in New York and Atlanta) to “Mayor of Kingstown” (which was shot in Toronto and in Kingston, Ontario) had been grueling, and that he might not have taken on the workload if he hadn’t been able to bring his daughter, Ava, 8, to these locations. (Renner shares custody of Ava with his ex-wife, model and actor Sonni Pacheco.)

In “Mayor of Kingstown,” Renner’s character, McLusky, works with his brother Mitch (Kyle Chan-

dlar) as a go-between for prison workers, inmates and their families, which gives him unique inroads to the city’s intertwined power systems.

Before filming “Mayor of Kingstown,” Renner had signed on for “Hawkeye,” a six-episode miniseries that grew out of an earlier agreement to make a stand-alone Marvel film about that character.

“Hawkeye” is set primarily after the events of the 2019 blockbuster “Avengers: Endgame.” The show focuses on the unlikely partnership that develops between Barton and Kate Bishop (Hailee Steinfeld), a young woman at the center of a high-society mystery whom he reluctantly takes on as his protege.

Between the two new series, Renner expected that “Hawkeye” would likely be “the flashier one,” but he also said that he hoped viewers would not

be dissuaded from “Mayor of Kingstown” by its starker exterior.

“I’m always hesitant to say, ‘This is dark, it’s harrowing, it’s bleak,’” he said. “It sounds depressing, and no one wants to watch it. We’re not asking people to follow the bleakness — you follow the hope of the people who are trying to escape from this environment or make it better. It’s actually very beautiful to watch.”

He was confident that there would be more seasons of “Mayor of Kingstown” in his future and that, whatever the outcome of “Hawkeye,” he would surely be playing Clint Barton again.

“I can make that live for another decade,” Renner said. “Until I just can’t fit into the (darn) costume anymore.” As for acting as a whole, he said, “I’ll do it till no one wants to see me do it.”

Wonderful

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projects. Besides Preston, the cast includes Shirine Babb (seen at Hartford Stage in “The Tempest” in 2012, as well as in several shows at the Long Wharf); Evan Zes (from “Murder on the Orient Express” at Hartford Stage in 2018); Jennifer Bareilles; and Gerardo Rodriguez.

“We wanted a racially

diverse group of actors because we want to represent Hartford,” Alderman says. “This is a classic American story for all of us.”

Hartford Stage’s “Christmas Carol” typically uses students from the theater program at the Hartt School in small roles and behind-the-scenes jobs. “It’s a Wonderful Life” is enlisting Hartt students as understudies and assistants. The students will also take part

in a yet-to-be-announced reading of the Thornton Wilder one-act “The Long Christmas Dinner.”

Alderman won’t provide details, but says “we have lots of tricks up our sleeves” to make this radio play come alive onstage. Landry’s script can be staged sparsely if required, but Hartford Stage is dressing it up with a full scenic design by Stephanie Osin Cohen (which Alderman describes as “a theatrical

playground”), costumes by An-lin Dauber and lighting by Evan C. Anderson. Sound designer Frederick Kennedy has been collaborating closely with the show’s surefire Foley artist Leer Leary, who provides the creative sound effects for the radio play.

“We’ve done ‘A Christmas Carol’ for over two decades,” Alderman says. “It’s a meaningful time of year for our audiences, our staff, our crew. We don’t

take the responsibility lightly,” Alderman says.

“‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ is the American ‘A Christmas Carol’ to some degree. It really celebrates how one individual can affect a community. Also, it’s such a great story.”

“It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play” by Joe

Landry, co-directed by Rachel Alderman and Melia Bensussen, runs through Dec. 26 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St., Hartford. \$30-\$100. hartfordstage.org.

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An-lin Dauber’s costume sketches for Hartford Stage’s production of “It’s a Wonderful Life.” AN-LIN DAUBER

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Caroline Onyango delivers fish to a client Sept. 22 in Ngong, Kenya. She has worked in tourism for more than 15 years. BRIAN OTIENO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

By Ceylan Yeginsu
The New York Times

As she fried fish to pay for her bills and rent, Caroline Onyango was struck by optimistic news reports broadcast in her home city of Nairobi, Kenya, last spring that noted the swift rollout of coronavirus vaccinations in the U.S. and other western countries. For the first time in a devastating year, Onyango grew hopeful that foreign tourists would return to East Africa, allowing her to go back to work as a senior tour guide for a safari company.

But in early June, as international borders started to reopen and bookings surged, Kenya and many other countries in Africa experienced their steepest spike of coronavirus cases during the pandemic. With only 1% of the African continent fully vaccinated and the virus raging, several countries were forced to lock down or impose stringent measures against the virus. The drastic precautions to stop the spread crushed hopes for a revival in foreign tourism.

“I have not had any work since March 2020, nothing at all. Everything dried up when the borders closed,” said Onyango, 40, who has worked in tourism for more than 15 years. “Domestically, safaris are picking up in Kenya little by little, but it’s very competitive and us overlanders will not have work until cross-country travel restarts.”

Before the pandemic, Kenya was the third-largest tourism destination in Africa, with tourism contributing \$1.6 billion to the national economy

Safari workers fight to live

Loss of tourism decimated lives of travel and hospitality workers

and creating 1.1 million jobs, or more than 8% of the country’s employment. The coronavirus was disastrous: During the high season between July and October of last year, most bookings were canceled, causing layoffs and salary cuts, and many tour companies shut down. The loss of international tourism in Kenya and other East African nations, with little assistance from local governments, has decimated the livelihoods of thousands of travel and hospitality workers, who have had to take on odd jobs and borrow money to survive.

Onyango, a single mother of two, had been making the equivalent of around \$1,000 each month, which she said was enough to provide for her family. Now, she earns between \$100 and \$150 a month by cooking and packaging tilapia fish and sardines for neighbors, friends and clients she found through Facebook.

‘So much worry’
Kenya eased its lockdown restrictions in July, but the

worldwide surge of the highly contagious delta variant, as well as the low vaccination rates in the region, have kept most tourists at bay. Still, tourism workers are grateful for the small number of visitors that have been trickling in for safaris and coastal vacations in recent months.

“We knew we would not get the vaccines as quickly as America and Europe,” said George Gituku, the owner of Sandrage Safaris in Kenya, “so under the circumstances we are thankful that we have some business.”

In 2019, Kenya received more than 2 million international visitors, a record number and a nearly 4% increase from the year before. In 2020, overseas arrivals plummeted by 71.5% to 579,600, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. Between January and June this year, the country welcomed just over 300,000 travelers, the state-run Tourism Research Institute reported.

Since June, Sandrage Safaris

in Nairobi has received about 30 guests a month, a significant drop from the 100 guests they were averaging in the 2019 high season. Most of the visitors were Americans who were feeling optimistic after getting vaccinated, Gituku said, but Kenya’s low vaccination rate — currently just over 3% of the population — has caused many of his clients to postpone.

Safari workers are hoping that when their clients go back and share their positive experiences with friends and family, it will encourage more people to book trips. Many companies are paying their employees daily rates based on bookings they receive, which, workers say, is not enough for them to pay their bills and the debt they accumulated last year.

“Whatever comes in now, you have to decide whether to put it toward your debts or use it to survive on,” said Michael Segera, a 53-year-old tour operator.

Last year, when Segera’s clients canceled their tours, he moved to Nairobi to live

with his three adult children. For months they lived off one meal a day, and Segera worked odd jobs so that he could pay for basic expenses and the Wi-Fi connection, which his daughter needed for her online university classes.

“It is very hard to be a parent when you don’t know what will come tomorrow,” Segera said.

Over the past two years, the Kenyan government has paid about \$20 million to workers in wildlife conservancies to keep them operational and protect animals from poaching, but safari workers have not received any individual support. Several safari companies have managed to retain employees on reduced salaries, but many operators have had to let their workers go.

An uncertain future
Uganda, another popular safari destination in East Africa, is also experiencing a slow tourism season, even after partially lifting lockdown measures in late July. Foreign visitors dropped by nearly 70% in 2020, to 473,085 from 1,547,000 in 2019, according to the country’s ministry of tourism. Similar to the experience in Kenya, most safari workers in Uganda find themselves deep in debt and without work.

Augustine Kikomeko, 46, a safari guide based in Kampala, said that, to support their families, most tour guides have had to sell property, land or their vehicles. Many are having to work several jobs, he said.

“The airport had opened, but there are barely any arrivals,” said Kikomeko, a father of three who used to make about \$800 per month as a safari guide.

“I have not had any work since March 2020, nothing at all. Everything dried up when the borders closed. Domestically, safaris are picking up in Kenya little by little, but it’s very competitive and us overlanders will not have work until cross-country travel restarts.” — Caroline Onyango

Three great National Heritage Areas to explore

By Lynn O’Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

As some National Parks struggle to manage record visitation, consider a visit to a National Heritage Area. These specially designated places combine historic, cultural and natural resources to form nationally important landscapes. There are currently 55 areas within the U.S. where communities have collaborated to share their resources.

Silos & Smokestacks, Iowa: This region encourages travelers to explore the state via suggested travel loops that include picnic spots, quaint restaurants, museums, galleries and landscapes. Learn about Iowa’s agricultural history and its influence on our food system. Wander the backroads amid corn and soybean fields to discover unique and unexpected places of historical, cultural and natural significance.

Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, Tennessee: This region endeavors to provide a comprehensive view and share the powerful stories that emerged from the Civil War era, including the freedom of emancipation. Consider following the Tennessee Civil War Trail, where visitors can follow in the footsteps of the generals, soldiers, citizens and the enslaved during a challenging time in our nation’s history.

Great Basin National Heritage Area, Nevada and Utah: Visit this region for a mix of history, wide-open spaces, uncrowded trails and unobstructed views of the Milky Way. Learn about the Bristlecone pine, our planet’s oldest tree, which can live to be 5,000 years old. You’ll find them in Great Basin National Park. Sign up to be an engineer at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum where their historic steam trains run throughout the year.



The Bristlecone pine, found in Great Basin National Park, can live to be 5,000 years old. DREAMSTIME

800 Finnish singers march into battle



Rick Steves

There's a definite energy on the streets of Helsinki tonight. My friend Hanne explains, "We call Wednesday our 'little Friday.'"

People are filling up the city's main boulevard. There are so many people that I wonder if it's some kind of demonstration. Then I see their robes and sheets of music and realize that these are choral groups, each represented by a placard.

From all corners of the country, some 800 singers converge on the massive steps of the Lutheran Cathedral, overlooking the Neoclassical Senate Square. Crowds gather, enthusiastic to hear this annual massing of the choirs.

The crowd quiets and the singers begin a rousing series of hymns. While I can't understand a word, the songs are sung with such a stirring air that I imagine they tell both of the Finns' hard-fought history, their solid faith, and their gratitude to be who they are — the people of Finland.

As the last hymn ends, balloons are freed, and the singers disperse, kicking off a festive initiative called "Art Goes to the Pubs." The city's watering holes are about to be filled with song.

Leaving the square, we stop at the curb. There's no traffic, so I jaywalk across the street. I get halfway across the boulevard before looking back for Hanne, who is still waiting for a walk signal. In defeat, I return to the curb. She says, "In Finland, we wait. It can be two in the morning and not a car in sight, but we wait."

I note that Germans respect authority, too.



Helsinki's Lutheran Cathedral overlooks the Finnish capital city's Neoclassical Senate Square. **RICK STEVES EUROPE**

Hanne says it's different in Finland. "We buck authority. But we follow the laws ... even little ones. That's why we have such low crime."

Hanne points out an elegant restaurant with a dining hall that was perfectly preserved from the 1930s. Its Alvar Aalto-designed functionalism is the kind of straight design and practical elegance Finns love.

Inside, a private office party is raging — specifically, a crayfish party. Crayfish are in season, but at \$10 each, they are hardly a budget meal.

But all over town Finns are doing the crayfish tango: Suck and savor a red mini-lobster, throw down a glass of schnapps, sing a song, and do it again. The "99 Bottles of Beer" repetition just gets more fun with each round.

Hanne shows me the table where Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim, Finland's sixth president, always sat. He was the heroic George Washington of modern Finland, who led the feisty resistance against the USSR. Many Finns consider him personally responsible for keeping their country free during and after World War II. No Finnish military leader will ever again hold Mannerheim's rank of "field marshal." But anyone can sit at his favorite table ... and suck a

crayfish.

We continue walking, ending up back where we started, on the grand Senate Square.

The city seems a tale of two cultures. The late-setting sun gleams on both the Lutheran Cathedral and the golden onion domes of the Russian Orthodox Church. They seem to face off, symbolizing how east and west have long confronted each other here in Finland. Europe's second-mightiest sea fortress — after Gibraltar — fills an island in the harbor ... which allowed the village of Helsinki to grow into a booming capital.

Finns have a fun-loving confidence and seem to

live well. I ask how Nordic Europe can be so prosperous when only Norway has oil.

Hanne responds, "Norway has oil — Finland has Nokia. It's like how Microsoft is for you in Seattle."

"So, what's Sweden's trick?" I ask.

Hanne sighs, showing the standard Scandinavian envy of the regional powerhouse. "They never get in a war. They're always rich ... just collecting money all the time. The Swedes are like our big brother. They always win. Like in ice hockey. We won only once ... back in the 1990s. The Swedes — assuming they'd win — had already written

their victory song. But we won. We Finns still sing this song to give the Swedes a hard time. It's the only song Finns know in Swedish and every Finn can sing it ... even today."

Our conversation is interrupted by a different song — a rousing hymn. Across the square is a church choir, marching to yet another Helsinki pub as if going to battle in a war for music.

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CELEB TRAVELER

Pedrique recalls family travels

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, actress Ariana Ron Pedrique was busy filming "Ayar" in various parts of Los Angeles where she lives. "Ayar" is a feature film about a Latina who returns home after an unsuccessful showbiz career in Vegas to reunite with her 5-year-old daughter," she said. "Playing Ayar was special to me (and) peeling back all the layers of such an interesting and fully dimensional character was fascinating. She's a strong-willed woman who is willing to face all her demons (and) hoping to amend the relationship with her daughter. This is also a story about survival, regret, forgiveness and rebirth." "Ayar" will release in theaters on Nov. 26.

Q: What are some of your memories about growing up in Venezuela?

A: When I was a kid, my family would take me to Isla Margarita. We would go to all these beautiful beaches and eat empanadas for breakfast down at the seashore. This is by far one of the best memories I have of growing up in Venezuela. Also, all the Christmas parties at home with my family, listening to our holiday music while eating all sorts of delicious food, memories of us decorating the house together — I'll never forget!

Q: What kind of trips did you take during this pandemic?

A: My husband and I wanted to do something



"Ayar" actress Ariana Ron Pedrique said she wants to live in a bungalow in Bali and also travel to Egypt. **BEN COPE**

we'd never done before and decided to go on a road trip to Sequoia Park and Yosemite. We stayed at a charming Airstream hotel surrounded by trees and campfires. One day, we found ourselves surrounded by deer! I couldn't believe how peaceful they were and how spectacular the experience was. We're definitely going back this year.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I love Playa del Carmen in Mexico. It's so beautiful. I totally recommend it! And to someone going there for the first time, I would say — eat breakfast at La Cueva del Chango, snorkel in Playa El Cielo (in Cozumel), and don't miss the seven-color lagoon at Bacalar.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: When I was six months old, my parents took me to Oricao, a beach club in La Guaira (Venezuela). I know that because my parents took a picture of me with no teeth and a pink polka-dot swimsuit, which my mom likes to show to everyone. My family would go there every year. We would play in the hydrotubes and water slides all day long.

It was one of my favorite places in the world.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I would love to live in a beautiful bungalow in Bali for a month (and) give myself the time to just enjoy life. Also, ever since I was a kid, I've always dreamed of going to Egypt and riding a camel.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go on a trip?

A: Lately, I've been enjoying traveling comfortably. So, now I look for the best possible schedules when considering buying a ticket. I check in early, do my bags a couple of days in advance. I like to review some of the places we can visit. But I also want to go with the flow and let myself marvel at the experience.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: When my husband and I went to Honolulu to celebrate our engagement. It was our first time there. We rented a car and traveled all over the city to all the beaches we could find. It was very adventurous and romantic. We loved it!

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

A polite appeal can help with refund for rescheduled flight

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I had a confirmed round-trip flight from San Francisco to New York on Delta Air Lines. The flight was scheduled to depart at 8:30 a.m. A couple of days ago, I received a notice from Delta that Delta changed the flight departure time to 7 in the morning.

Seven in the morning? That's ridiculous! I live in Oakland, and my transportation to San Francisco is via Bay Area Rapid Transit. BART trains do not begin service until 6 a.m. on the weekends, making it impossible for me to get to the airport in time to make this flight. The next available flight from San Francisco to New York via Delta is not until after 11 a.m. arriving in New York at 8:30 p.m., which is useless to me as I need to arrive in New York earlier than this 8:30 p.m. arrival time.

I needed a nonstop flight because of COVID-19 concerns. The cost of any alternatives — taxi or staying at an airport hotel the night before — is cost-prohibitive for me. I am a senior and the sole caretaker for my partner, who would be staying at home here in Oakland and has Parkinson's, so I run on a tight schedule. The original departure time was perfect for my needs.

I understand that the ticket I purchased is "non-refundable." However, I filed a claim with Delta asking for my money back — in any other business, this would be called "bait and switch." Not surprisingly, they denied my request and are offering me an e-credit. With my partner's progressive disease, my traveling days are coming to an end, and I have no use for any credit on Delta. I want my money refunded. Can you please advise me as to what recourse I may have in this situation?

— Terry Kulka, Oakland, Calif.

A: I'm sorry to hear about your personal circumstances. Airlines should be sensitive to the needs of their customers. After all, we taxpayers were sensitive to their needs during the pandemic, lavishing them with more than \$60 billion in federal aid. How about a little reciprocity?

But your situation is different. Delta changed your departure time by 1 ½ hours. The Department of Transportation, which regulates U.S. air carriers, says you are entitled to a refund if there's a "significant" schedule change. But there's a catch. DOT doesn't define what constitutes a "significant" change.

"Whether you are entitled to a refund depends

on many factors — including the length of the delay, the length of the flight, and your particular circumstances," it notes. "DOT determines whether you are entitled to a refund following a significant delay on a case-by-case basis."

In other words, Delta probably owed you a refund for your changed flight, especially in light of BART's weekend schedule. It should have offered you a choice of an e-credit or a full refund. It didn't.

I recommended that you send a brief, polite appeal to Delta Air Lines. I publish the names, number and email addresses of Delta's customer service executives on my nonprofit consumer advocacy site at elliott.org/company-con

delta-air-lines-customer-service-contacts/. You also could have sent a complaint to the Department of Transportation, but I would only recommend doing that if Delta continues to refuse your refund request. It didn't. After you sent Delta's executives a note, they offered to refund your airfare. I wish you all the best and hope you'll be able to make the trip to New York soon.

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CELEBRITIES

Beatriz says ‘Colombia all over’ film

By Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News

For Stephanie Beatriz, the true magic of Disney’s new film about an enchanted household in Colombia is its message of self-discovery.

The actor stars in the animated musical “Encanto” as the only resident of the fantastical Casa Madrigal without a superhuman ability.

“Many of us go through life looking around and going, like, everyone else is just out here doing the most, and incredible and shining, and who am I?” Beatriz said. “Do I have anything special to add to the world? The answer is ‘yes,’ but it can take going on a very intense, adventure-filled journey to figure that out about yourself.”

The film, now in theaters, depicts Beatriz’s Mirabel as kind and courageous, but self-conscious about her shortcomings in a family where others wield powers such as unbridled strength, acute hearing and the ability to understand animals.

When the magic flowing through their home starts to disappear, Mirabel sees an opportunity to step up as the hero.

The film’s voice cast features numerous stars with Colombian heritage, including Beatriz, John Leguizamo, Diane Guerrero and Wilmer Valderrama.

Beatriz, 40, credits the movie’s makers for doing “an incredible amount of research” to authentically portray the country and its culture.

“They took very long and intense trips to Colombia, and collaborated with Colombian people and musicians and artists to help create this film,” Beatriz said. “You can see that in the film. Even just the animation is this lushness. Beauty, beauty, beauty everywhere. Every



Actor Stephanie Beatriz arrives at the Nov. 3 premiere of “Encanto” in Los Angeles. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

single shot in this film is incredibly gorgeous, and it’s got Colombia all over it.”

Much of the story is told through original songs in English and Spanish by Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of Broadway musicals “In the Heights” and “Hamilton.”

“Disney Animation has a long and storied history of being the chef’s kiss at combining animation and storytelling in song, and I think this sort of follows in the footsteps of many, many greats that have come before, but also puts something really exciting, new, different into that world,” Beatriz said.

Beatriz starred earlier this year in the film adaptation of Miranda’s “In the Heights” as Carla, an upbeat salon employee in a predominantly Latino neighborhood in New York’s Washington Heights.

She’s proud to again

provide big-screen representation for Latino audiences with “Encanto.”

“As somebody who grew up watching TV, constantly looking for people that look like me or look like my mom or look like my dad and coming up short a lot of the time, I think it would have been very satisfying as a kid,” Beatriz said.

“I would’ve popped in a VHS and looked at a Disney heroine that looked just like me. It would’ve been really cool, and now it possibly will be really cool for someone else.”

Nov. 28 birthdays: Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. is 92. Singer Randy Newman is 78. Musician Paul Shaffer is 72. Actor Ed Harris is 71. Actor S. Epatha Merkerson is 69. Director Alfonso Cuarón is 60. Comedian Jon Stewart is 59. Singer Dawn Robinson is 53. Actor Aimee Garcia is 43. Actor Daniel Henney is 42.



ASK AMY

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Sister gives new meaning to ‘cruise control’

Dear Amy: Two years ago (prior to the pandemic), my husband and I went on a cruise with longtime friends. They then asked us to join them again.

The date is approaching, and we are having a huge problem letting my sister know we are going. My sister is a widow and counts on us to provide her with all her socialization.

My husband has been a saint in making her a part of all our vacations, dinners out, etc., with no complaint. We have been married for 52 years, and my sister has been widowed for 20 years.

She is always complaining of how she is bored and feels no one does anything to provide her with “things to do,” or asking her to be part of vacations, dinner parties, etc.

We are at a loss on how to tell her we are leaving without her on this trip.

She has no one to go with her on adventures.

Past experiences when this has happened have been incredibly unpleasant. She becomes very depressed and will go for weeks without speaking to us.

It makes us feel guilty for going without her, but we also believe we are entitled to have our own life. There are many past familial issues with my mother who was mentally ill, leading to feelings of abandonment and guilt.

Is there any way we can tell her we are leaving for nine days without her feeling abandoned?

We have considered offering to go with her on a trip of her choosing at Christmas, but we don’t know how to approach the situation.

It is causing me (and my husband) much anxiety. What can we do?
— Guilty

Dear Guilty: Your sister is something of an emotional vampire, and your generosity toward her over the last 20 years has enabled her to control you to the extent that you and your husband have already determined that you won’t be able to enjoy a wonderful vacation without her. That’s how powerful and successful her training has been! If you had established some reasonable boundaries years ago, your sister might have her own life by now.

There are many wonderful opportunities for guided travel available to solo travelers with the means and motivation.

If you don’t have the backbone to tolerate your sister’s tantrum, then you should just give in, stay home and devote yourselves to her needs.

However, you might liberate yourselves from this control if you prepare yourselves for her reaction and simply choose not to be triggered by it this time.

You say, “We’re leaving for a cruise at the end of the month and will be gone for nine days. We’re pretty excited and looking forward to it, and we’ll see you when we return.”

Do not offer her alternate vacations in order to appease her. That is just reinforcing behavior that you are seeking to change.

Dear Amy: My husband and I always have this disagreement whenever we go out for a meal. Do you base your tip on

the total amount (like I do) or before the tax (like my husband)? Please settle this for me!
— Big tipper in NJ

Dear Tipper: Strictly speaking, if you tip on the total (including tax), then part of your tip is actually based on the tax itself — not on services rendered.

However, I base my tip on the total, and then add some. I do this because I once waited tables.

Also, because I can. The U.S. Department of Labor publishes a table of minimum wages for tipped employees (which vary by state). Ask your husband to take a look at this chart (search on DOL.gov) and ask if shaving a few pennies off a tip from these truly minimal hourly minimums is really worth it to him.

Dear Amy: I was disappointed by your response to “Tired.” This letter was written by a mom who didn’t like it when her adult children kept bouncing back home for long or short stays.

You should have suggested that she give them jobs to do! At the very least, each visiting child should pay for/prepare one meal for the family.
— Never an Empty Nest

Dear Never: I did suggest that “Tired” should set up some boundaries in terms of cooking and cleaning, but yes — giving them specific jobs would be better.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Distractions could keep you from being productive. No matter how motivated you are, you can still fall victim to musings. Set deadlines for each task. By the days end, you may have accomplished far more than you expected!

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The support you want may not be coming today, but don’t let that stand in the way of pursuing a cherished dream! Devote time each day to your favorite forms of expression. Even a few minutes spent being creative hones your inner artists enthusiasm and skill.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Lofty ambitions could throw you off track. Rather than reaching for a goal that seems out of reach, break down your vision into small tasks. If you do get discouraged, try repeating some positive affirmations. It might feel silly at first, but it could also net you rich rewards.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Although you might lack the necessary knowledge to get ahead at the moment, instead of throwing in the towel, do whatever you can to improve your skillset. Studying with an expert may be intimidating, however, the high standards and technical knowledge they supply will be instructive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today could bring about an unexpected loss. If a source of income disappears, don’t panic. Don’t be afraid to dig in and send out job applications, look for interviews, and network with others in your field. A new job prospect may feel like a chance to get paid for having fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself filled with a lot of hope today. If someone close to you doesn’t share your attitude, don’t let any of their gloom make you miss a chance to advance your interests. You might have a real knack for replacing negative assumptions with glowing expectations.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The people around you may not have the level of energy or ambition that you do, and you could feel like they’re being sticks in the mud. Try not to worry about what anyone else does - simply focus on your own efforts! You’ll feel rewarded by a job well done.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trying to maintain your focus could be difficult today as a friend may be acting up. Giving them a lecture or advice might just make them more determined to cause problems and distract you even further. Remember that the only persons behavior you can really control is your own.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Right now it’s critical to remember that feelings are not facts. If you’re feeling blue, make an effort to deliberately immerse yourself in happy thoughts. Every positive choice you make can help even the most stubborn mood melt. Radiating positive energy should be easier than ever.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It might be quite difficult for you to focus today. It’s rare for you to neglect your responsibilities, but today you could prefer to build castles in the air. Even an ambitious sign like you needs an occasional break, so cut yourself some slack and don’t feel bad about it!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your financial foundation might feel shaky right now. While it may be stressful figuring out how to make ends meet, you could also have the rare gifts of time and energy on your hands. Using your free time to enrich your personal life could bring you some peace.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It can sometimes be difficult for you to know which star to follow. Turn your attention inward now. While it may take some patience and intentional moments of silence, your heart can ultimately nudge you toward a relationship that feels just right. You’re blessed with a powerful intuition.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 28, 1859, author Washington Irving died.

In 1907, future movie producer Louis B. Mayer opened his first movie theater, in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

In 1942, fire engulfed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston, killing 492 people in the deadliest nightclub blaze ever.

In 1961, Ernie Davis became the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars.

In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was slain in a prison by a fellow inmate.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world’s largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynergy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal. (Enron filed for bankruptcy protection later.)

In 2010, actor Leslie Nielsen died at age 84.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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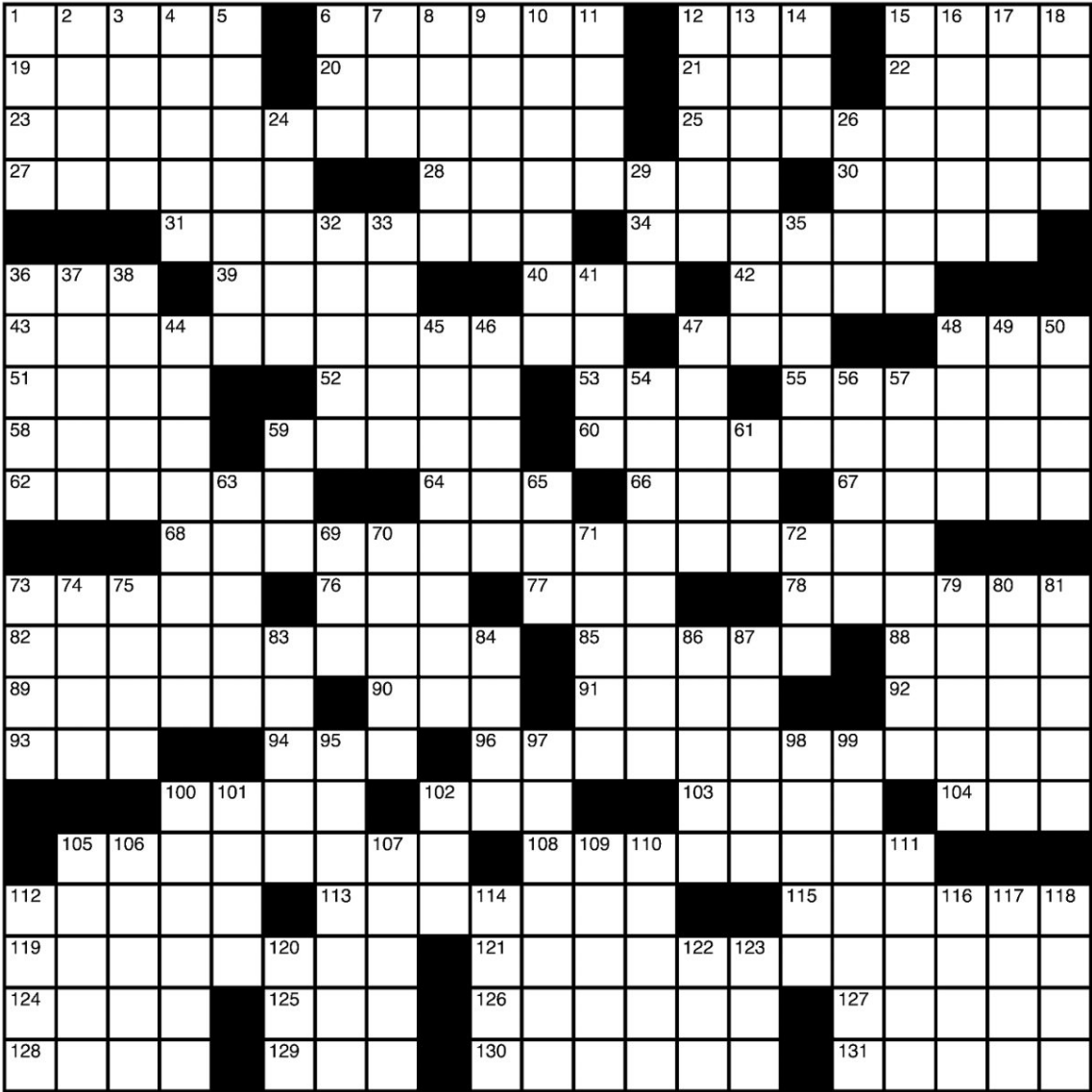
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ARTS&LiVING

Two for Two

By Ed Sessa

- Across**
1. Balls and some apples
6. "Bicycle Thieves" director Vittorio
12. Cleopatra's killer
15. Hindu epic hero
19. Wanting words
20. Spots for spectacles
21. Lobbying gp.
22. Airline whose name means "to the skies"
23. *Band aide
25. Stuck playing a familiar role
27. Pacific current
28. Top drawers?
30. Incomplete body of art
31. Budgetary figures
34. *Period after a crash, perhaps
36. Wood cutter
39. Do another hitch
40. Time VIPs
42. Burglar's take
43. *Figure in many Monty Python routines
47. __ mentality
48. Ones using mixers, for short
51. Former Sony brand
52. Afghanistan neighbor
53. Saucer, briefly
55. "Hey, that's great!"
58. Animal shelter
59. "Family Circus" creator Bil Williams
60. *Figurative place for deferred options
62. "Give me a break!"
64. MLB's "Splendid Splinter" Williams
66. Phi follower
67. Staggers
68. *Airbags in cars, e.g.
73. "Bless you" evoker
76. "That feels good"
77. Rum __ Tugger: "Cats" role
78. Making a big deal out of
82. *Hoops buzzer-beater, for one
85. Files in shop class
88. Emulate a frigatebird
89. "Godzilla" franchise co-creator Tomoyuki __
90. LAX posting
91. Job safety org.
92. Eclectic magazine
93. Cephalopod's discharge
94. " __ L": "Bye for now"



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100. Pained expression
102. Bank account ID
103. Very wide shoe
104. Pink Floyd's Barrett
105. *Nightly barracks routine
108. Biometric security procedure
112. Mtge. issuer
113. Like some eaves in winter
115. Pharaoh depicted on the Sphinx
119. Capital east of New Delhi
121. Wimbledon category, and a hint to the answers to starred clues
124. Gillette blade

125. Cool, like a cat
126. Crib outfit
127. Gaming rookies
128. Back in the day
129. Holiday song syllables
130. Lipton rival
131. Forum garments

- Down**
1. Barb
2. Base runner?
3. Oz traveler
4. Welcome at the door
5. Fight souvenirs

6. Hammar skjöld of the U.N.
7. Historical period
8. "Sonic" consoles
9. Like krypton and xenon
10. Don't get
11. Piedmont bubbly
12. Likely will, after "is"
13. "Oh yeah?"
14. Angel dust, briefly
15. Snap back
16. Cause to sweat
17. Vertical billiards shot
18. __ sax
24. Well-known

26. Julius' cry to Marcus
29. '60s activist gp.
32. Nobelst of 1903 and 1911
33. "William Tell," e.g.
35. Big cheese
36. Rogaine target
37. No-frills font
38. "Holy Toledo!"
41. Beat handily
44. Florida coastal city or its county
45. Red-and-white topper
46. Scornful look
47. Latte variant
48. Ready to eat
49. "An Innocent Man" songwriter
50. Canon AE-1 et al., for short
54. Cover for some superheroes
56. "We don't have much time!"
57. Stealthily nears, with "on"
59. Mauna __
61. Modeler's buy
63. Seller's supply
65. Rachel Carson subject
69. Quick snooze
70. Family name in Chicago politics
71. Hubbub
72. Sounds of hesitation
73. Musical opening
74. Family group
75. Tarzan type
79. Little bits
80. Rival of Tonya
81. Devotion to Mammon, biblically
83. Come out of one's shell
84. Toy dog's barks
86. Draws back
87. Philatelist's buys
95. "What nerve!"
97. Dye-making compound
98. Insurance lizard
99. Old TV series with a scuba-diving hero
100. Guy who's often out
101. Pac-12's Bruins
102. Go downhill fast
105. Saddam's party
106. Between, in Brest
107. Some bra features
109. Curly-coated cats
110. That is, to Cicero
111. Jar Jar Binks' planet
112. Card game for three
114. "Let's do it!"
116. Aggressively promote
117. Singer McEntire
118. Latin "to be"
120. Devils org.
122. Lose power, as a battery
123. Org. that makes traffic stops?

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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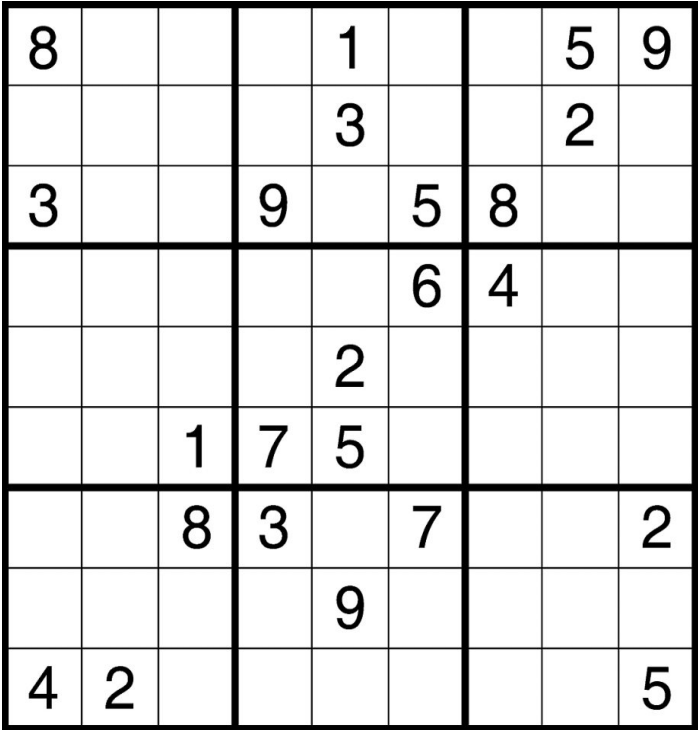
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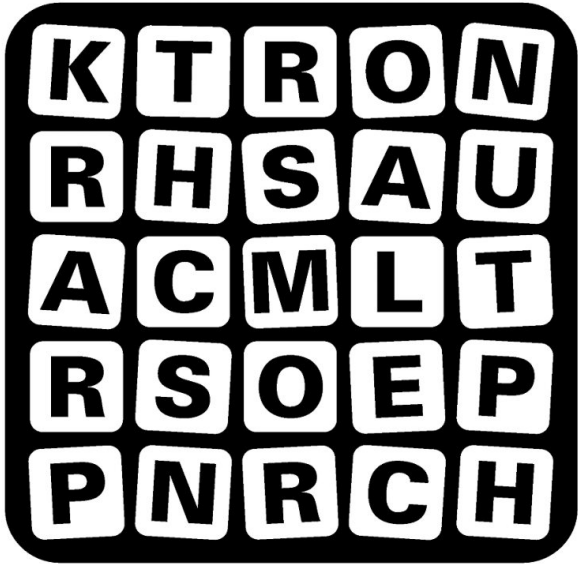
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By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

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MY PET WORLD

How to help a dog that exhibits fears and phobias

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: We have an almost-8-year-old, 35-pound mixed-breed dog. We’ve had him since he was 8 weeks old. He’s a wonderful dog but has always had some psychological issues. For example, he refused to go near a new dog bed, and we had to return it. He shakes and shivers at my text alerts and during thunderstorms. For the past few weeks, he looks scared and refuses to eat or drink from his dog bowls. If I hold a bowl for him or move the bowls to a different room, he seems to eat or drink just enough to stay alive. I haven’t changed the location of the bowls, the bowl holder, or the mat underneath them. What do I do?
— Karen, Port Washington, New York

Dear Karen: While you can never fully rid your dog of all his fears and phobias, you can do a few things to temper his reactions. First, get your dog a canine pheromone collar to wear, and place plug-in pheromones in the room where his food bowls are located. Pheromones provide a calming effect and can be helpful as we go through the next steps. Second, rule out medical issues. I doubt he has any, but it’s always good to check. Then talk to your veterinarian about anti-anxiety medication. Medication won’t eliminate his fears and phobias, but it can quiet his brain and make it easier to train and counter-condition him. Next, train your dog to make eye contact on command. Say your dog’s name and when he makes eye contact, say a marker word (to mark the correct behavior), like “Bingo,” and give him a treat. Use this same technique to teach him sit, stay and down.



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The more you train a dog, the easier it is to counter-condition him to ignore a trigger. Now it’s time to work on counter-conditioning. Train your dog to get used to a similar sound to the phone alert, like the beep on the microwave. Every time the microwave dings, say his name so he makes eye contact and ask him to sit, using the marker word and treat. What you are trying to do is get his mind on other things and associate the sound with treats, so he will (eventually) ignore the trigger. When you feel he has mastered the ding from the microwave, reintroduce the text alert sound and ask him to make eye contact and sit, using the marker word and treat. Initially, he might shake, but he should learn that something good happens when he hears this sound. (You also can just change the alert sound on your phone.) You can counter-condition him to thunderstorms by letting him listen to a recording of a thunderstorm at a low-volume, accompanied by treats. Increase the volume over days (not minutes) to increase his tolerance. As for new dog beds, toss

your unlaundered clothing onto them, so the scent is suddenly familiar. Most of all, be kind and patient as you go through this process. It can take months to help a dog work through these fears. **Dear Cathy:** How can I transport my cat by car for a two-day trip, allowing for “bathroom” episodes? She won’t wear a leash so all I can depend on is using a litter box. I can’t stop and put the box by my car for use because she would dart away. Please help. It’s important.
— Tom, Winter Park, Florida

time she needs to relieve herself. If she doesn’t, then put her back in her kennel, and try again in a few hours. Most cats will use the litter box at least once a day during normal car travel. Otherwise, she will definitely use it when you get to a hotel and settle in for the night. Cathy M. Rosenthal is an animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert. Send your questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.

Discuss cleaning obligations with adult son and girlfriend



Judith Martin
Miss Manners
Dear Miss Manners: I am happy that our 21-year-old son still lives with us. He is our only child, and his father and I are not eager to be empty-nesters at this point. We enjoy his company. He is an extremely hard worker, putting in long hours running a division of the family business, and he leaves for work around 4:30 a.m. As his neatnik mother, I make his bed for him most days. When he arrives home, it’s neat and tidy. Miss Manners, my issue is with his girlfriend, who spends a few nights here each week. I like her, and as they are both adults, I am OK with this arrangement. I know that when she arrives, the bed is made nicely. However, when they leave together in the morning, the bed is either left unmade or haphazardly thrown together. Also, her empty or half-empty beverage containers are left on the dresser. I have occasionally given them both a friendly reminder about making the bed. As she is a guest, is it unreasonable that I should expect her to make up the bed as it was? At least she could suggest to my son that they do so together. Perhaps I’m old-fashioned. Are my expectations reasonable? Is there a gracious way for me to let my feelings be known?
Gentle reader: Have you tried just asking them to shut the door after themselves? As more adult children continue to live with their parents, confusion has

naturally arisen over the etiquette. Your son is not a guest, but neither is he a child. His girlfriend’s presence increases the confusion. Miss Manners is gently indifferent to whether or not you continue to make your son’s bed, but is clear on some points: First, an adult child is expected to exercise the empathy and judgment of the former, not the latter. That means your son should be expressing occasional gratitude if you make his bed — or getting your assent that, as it is his room, it is his decision to leave it unmade — and doing what he can to be helpful around the house. Second, the girlfriend is a long-term guest, which means that she, too, should offer to help out. The way to establish an understanding is to discuss your mutual expectations and obligations with your son, leaving him with the job of telling her. **Dear Miss Manners:** Our vice president is being addressed as “Madam Vice President.” I realize she is the first female vice president in the United States and so this usage is precedent-setting. However, to my ear, this usage doesn’t seem to be the female equivalent of the way American presidents are addressed (“Mr. President”). Wouldn’t true equivalency be “Ms. Vice President”? In the Franco-phone diplomatic world, “madam” is used for both female ambassadors and wives of ambassadors, which further muddies the water. **Gentle reader:** There is another muddle in that water: You are confusing “madam” with the French honorific “madame.” “Madam” is a perfectly good English word — the equivalent of “mister,” with a dash more respect added. Thus it is the correct way to address someone of high rank, married or not (as it is used for female royalty in England). In direct address, it is abbreviated as “ma’am,” equivalent to “sir” for males. As Miss Manners recalls, the precedent was set by the previous highest-ranking female in U.S. government. When Madeleine Albright became secretary of state, she became “Madam Secretary,” as she entitled her memoir. You need not feel bad about your mistake; the entire last all-male United States Supreme Court was unable to figure out (and failed to research) the equivalent for “Mr. Justice” for their first female peer. So, like many people who are bewildered by the emotional controversy about titles, they dropped the courtesy entirely, becoming simply “Justice.” **Dear Miss Manners:** As my wife and I were having lunch with four friends at a restaurant, everyone but me started looking at their cellphones while we waited to be served. I don’t have a cellphone, so when I saw a magazine nearby, I picked it up and read it as we waited. When we got home, I was surprised to hear my wife say that she had been embarrassed by my rudeness. Is it rude to read while everyone else is looking at their cellphones?
Gentle reader: Not more rude, only more conspicuous. To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

You can find discontinued cosmetics, but it’ll cost you



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel
Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have been searching for an Estée Lauder eyeliner, in the color “Forest Writer 07” for a while. I contacted Estée Lauder and they no longer make it. Do you know of any company who will make eyeliner to order? I only have a small piece left. No one makes one close to this color. I have searched makeup counters with no luck.
— Adrienne K. **Dear Adrienne:** I found a company that can help you! Giella Poblocki from giella.com tells me her company can custom-make you an eyeliner pencil to match your preferred color. All the other custom cosmetic websites I found, sadly, don’t make eyeliner, though they do make just about any other makeup basic. And a rep from threecustom.com told me they can make eyeshadow in your color that can be used with a brush as eyeliner. **Dear Answer Angel:** For some years now I have used Estée Lauder Perfectionist Serum Compact Makeup. It’s been a nice, quick way to cover up without the hassle of liquid makeup. Of course, since I really like it, Lauder has discontinued it. Prior to this, I used a similar Mary Kay product; also discontinued! I have tried Lauder and Clinique pressed powder products but I don’t feel like I get the same coverage and smooth appearance. Any suggestions?
— Cathy G. What do you do when your favorite makeup products are discontinued? Answer Angel Ellen Warren has the answers. DREAMSTIME **Dear Cathy:** Depending on the shade you need, you can find some at amazon.com (\$76.99!) or the Australian site beautycrew.com.au (\$80!!). For the same reason you liked your discontinued compact makeup, I use Neutrogena Mineral Sheers Powder Foundation, (drugstores, neutrogena.com, \$10.99 and up). The coverage isn’t great, but it’s sort of OK. Overstock.com has many compact makeup options but, unfortunately, not yours. Here are online sites to check for your discontinued cosmetics or substitutes but beware. It will cost you. **Discontinued makeup** ■ Ebay.com (sign up for alerts if a seller lists your exact makeup) ■ Overstockcosmetics.com (discontinued and hard-to-find makeup; I’ve never found what I was looking for here) ■ Amazon.com **Custom-made for you** ■ Threecusto.com (custom to match your sample, \$70 and up) ■ Giella.com **Duplicates (products similar to the one you want)** ■ Tempitalia.com **Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** My circle of friends is making up for lost pandemic time and I’ve been to four weddings in the past few months. In one of them, the bride’s Kelly green sneakers were peeking from the hem of her wedding gown. When the dancing started, she changed to sparkly sneakers. Many of the guests, men and women, changed to sneakers too. Is this OK now?
— Beth F. **Dear Beth:** Now more than ever, casual dress turns up at what used to be dressy occasions. The man sitting next to me at a memorial service for a deceased friend was wearing blue jeans (no holes). Comfort is a crucial consideration now that we’re back in offices and socializing more. Working from home in our sweats spoiled us. Mostly this is fine and a trend that isn’t going away soon. **Now it’s your turn** Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel ellen@gmail.com.

Rural hospitals weigh keeping obstetric units

Leaders consider operating safely as births decline against patient risk if facilities close

By **Charlotte Huff**
Kaiser Health News

As rural hospitals struggle to stay financially stable, their leaders watch other small facilities close obstetrics units to cut costs. They face a no-win dilemma: Can we continue operating delivery units safely if there are few births? But if we close, do we risk the health and lives of babies and mothers?

The other question this debate hangs on: How few is too few births?

Consider the 11-bed Providence Valdez Medical Center, which brings 40 to 60 newborns into the world each year, according to Dr. John Cullen, one of several family physicians who deliver babies at the Valdez, Alaska, hospital. The next nearest obstetrics unit is a six- to seven-hour drive away, if ice and snow don't make the roads treacherous, he said.

The hospital cross-trains its nurses so they can care for trauma and general medicine patients along with women in labor, and it invests in simulation training to keep their skills up, Cullen said.

If the measure is the number of deliveries, "I do think that obviously there's too small, and we're probably at that limit of low volume," Cullen said. "I don't think that we really have a choice. So, we just have to be really good at what we do."

Some researchers have raised concerns based on their findings that hospitals with few deliveries are more likely to experience problems with those births. Meanwhile, "maternity deserts" are becoming more common. From 2004 to 2014, 9% of rural U.S. counties lost all hospital obstetric services, leaving slightly more than half

of rural counties without any, according to a study published in 2017 in the journal Health Affairs. Yet shutting down the obstetrics unit doesn't stop babies from arriving, either in the emergency room or en route to the next closest hospital. In addition, women may have to travel farther for prenatal care if there's no local maternity unit.

Clinician skills and confidence suffer without sufficient practice, said Dr. Nancy Dickey, a family physician and executive director of the Texas A&M (University) Rural and Community Health Institute in College Station. So, what is that minimum threshold for baby deliveries? "I don't have a number for you," she said.

Dickey and Cullen are not alone in their reluctance to set a metric. For instance, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has published a position statement about steps that rural and other low-volume facilities can take to maintain clinician skills and patient safety. But when asked to define "low volume," a spokesperson wrote in an email: "We intentionally don't define a specific number for low-volume because we do not want to create an inaccurate misperception that less volume equals less quality."

Neither does the American Academy of Family Physicians provide guidance on what constitutes too few deliveries for safe operation. The academy "has not specified a minimum of deliveries required to maintain high quality obstetrical care in rural and underserved communities due to the unique and multifaceted nature of each case in each community," according to a written



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comment from the group's president, Dr. Sterling Ransone Jr.

One challenge in sorting out any connection between the number of deliveries and safety is that the researchers use differing cutoffs for what qualifies as a hospital with a low number of births, said Katy Kozhimannil, a professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health who studies rural maternal health. Plus, such data-driven analyses don't reflect local circumstances, she said. The income level of local women, their health risk factors, the distance to the closest hospital with an obstetrics unit, hospitals' ability to keep trained doctors and nurses — hospital leaders must consider these and other factors as they watch their birth numbers fall due to declining local population or pregnant women opting to deliver at more

urban high-tech hospitals, she said.

Research on birth volumes and outcomes has been mixed, but the "more consistent" finding is that hospitals with fewer deliveries are more likely to have complications, largely because of a lack of dedicated obstetric doctors and nurses, as well as potentially fewer resources for emergencies, such as blood banks, according to the authors of a 2019 federal report on improving rural maternity care.

Just 74% of U.S. babies are born at hospitals that handle 10 to 500 births annually, according to a geographic analysis recently published in JAMA Network Open. But those hospitals, which researchers described as low volume, are 37% of all U.S. hospitals that deliver babies.

Finances also influence these decisions, given

that half of all rural births are paid for by Medicaid, which generally reimburses providers less than private insurance. Obstetrics is "referred to as a loss leader by hospital administrators," Kozhimannil said. As births dwindle, it can become daunting to pay for clinicians and other resources to support a service that must be available 24/7, she said.

If a hospital closes its unit, most likely fewer local women will get prenatal care, and conditions like a mother's severe anemia or a baby's breech position will be missed, Dickey said.

In Valdez, Alaska, keeping the hospital's unit open has paid off for residents in other ways, Cullen said. Since the hospital delivers babies, including by cesarean section, there's work to support a nurse anesthetist in the community of slightly more than 4,000 people. That enables the

hospital to handle trauma calls and, more recently, the complexities of treating COVID-19 patients, he said.

In her research, Kozhimannil remains committed to nailing down a range at which deliveries have dropped low enough to signal that a hospital needs "either more resources or more training because safety could be at risk." Not to shutter the obstetrics unit, she stressed. But rather to automatically qualify that hospital for more support, including extra financing through state and federal programs, she said.

Because women will keep getting pregnant, Kozhimannil said, even if a hospital or a doctor decides to stop providing obstetric services. "That risk does not go away," she said. "It stays in the community. It stays with the people, especially those that are too poor to go other places."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

COVID-19 home test kits were worth it for one reader

By **Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.**
King Features Syndicate

Q: Thank you for writing about home tests for COVID-19. I developed a headache and sore throat while at work (at a school). Because it took two days to get a PCR test and another three days to get the results, I ended up taking several days off work.

Meanwhile, my symptoms quickly abated. When I was later exposed repeatedly to a student who then tested positive, I opted for the home tests. Since I got negative results on both tests 24 hours apart and had no symptoms, I did not need to take time off. That was well worth the \$24!

A: There are now several Food and Drug Administration-approved home tests for COVID-19. While not as accurate as the PCR test, they are much faster and more convenient.

The way you used your at-home diagnostic kit, taking two tests a day apart, is recommended. This reduces the chance that the initial negative test was inaccurate.

If more people used such a strategy before interacting with others who might be vulnerable, it could reduce the spread of COVID-19. This would be especially helpful before gathering for family get-togethers over the upcoming holidays.

Q: I am prone to cold sores/fever blisters and find that acyclovir works very well. Before that I took L-lysine for several years hoping to prevent outbreaks. However, I discovered that L-lysine caused me nightly leg



While not as accurate as the PCR test, home tests are much faster and more convenient. **CHRIS DELMAS/GETTY-AFP**

cramps.

My internist, who wasn't familiar with acyclovir until I told her about it, will not give me a refill without my calling for it. Consequently, I am very careful to call for a refill as soon I am finishing a prescription, because I need to take the pills at that very first tingle. People who haven't had fever blisters might not understand that urgency.

A: There are several antiviral medications that work quite well against herpes simplex, the virus that causes cold sores. Acyclovir (Zovirax) was the first to be developed, but doctors can also prescribe famciclovir (Famvir) or valacyclovir (Valtrex).

We're a bit surprised that your internist was unaware of such medications. Taking any of these herpes drugs at the earliest hint of an outbreak works best. That is also true of other antiviral drugs such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu) or baloxavir (Xofluza) against influenza.

Q: If I feel a cold coming on, I take zinc. I myself don't have any side effects from

it. However, I recommended it for my son once, and it made him very nauseated.

Now, of course, he won't take my advice for any remedy. The nausea side effect of zinc is real, but not everyone suffers from it.

A: Doctors have been debating the pros and cons of zinc to prevent or treat common colds for a long time. However, the scientific evidence keeps building that zinc can help fight these respiratory tract viral infections.

The most recent research is a meta-analysis of 28 randomized, controlled trials published in BMJ Open (Nov. 2, 2021). In comparison with placebo, zinc prevented five colds per 100 person-months. When people took zinc to treat rather than prevent a cold, they got better about two days sooner, on average. Some people reported nausea as a reaction. As your son can attest, nausea may be more of a problem for some than for others.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Add variety to your cardio routine to avoid boredom

Mayo Clinic

Q: Heart disease runs in my family, so I try to eat a mostly Mediterranean diet and get plenty of exercise. Lately, though, I feel stuck in a rut when it comes to my cardio workout. Do you have any advice for exciting exercises to improve my cardiovascular health?

A: Eating well and exercising are key elements of a heart-healthy lifestyle, but choosing the right type of exercise and logging enough time are essential too. Cardiovascular training has many benefits, including chronic disease prevention and improved quality of life. It should be a staple of your routine.

Cardiovascular exercises can be a challenge, and sometimes boring, for many people. But you can add variety to your cardiovascular workouts in numerous ways.

Walking is certainly easy on the joints, but a cardio workout doesn't have to be mile after mile of pounding the pavement or walking a treadmill. Switching up the type of exercise you do and the amount of time you spend doing it can dramatically improve your fitness.

Getting 150 minutes of cardiovascular exercises each week is important, according to the American College of Sports Medicine. But it is important to remember that cardiovascular training is any activity that increases your heart rate for a set amount of time. So if you are a walker, consider short spurts of walking mixed with jogging and sprinting.

There are many options to explore when it comes to cardio workouts. Consider what you can do in the comfort of your own home, outdoors or



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in the gym. Swimming, cross-country skiing, stair-climbing and jumping rope are examples of exercises that will increase your cardiovascular rate.

Think of activities you can do both indoors and outdoors. For instance, cycling is a great exercise to get your heart pumping while putting minimal impact on your joints. When the weather isn't cooperating, a bike ride outside may not work, but a spin class might.

Cycling has many benefits for your body too. You'll get an amazing cardio workout that challenges your legs and core muscles with minimal stress to your joints. If your joints cannot take the impact of walking or running, cycling can decrease pain while increasing aerobic capacity.

In the gym, you can try a new routine without leaving your favorite machine. Many newer fitness machines are preprogrammed with a range of cardio workouts that are designed to vary the speed, grade or resistance. They also can simulate rolling hills or large mountains and offer high-intensity intervals. Being able to alter the effort level not only helps keep you more involved, but also increases your fitness gains.

Instead of sticking to just one activity, consider adding interval training to your exercise regimen. Interval training is especially helpful if you're pressed for time, but you want a good cardiovascular workout. In as little as 20 minutes, you can put in the same amount of effort by working at a higher intensity than you normally would exert in 45 to 50 minutes at a moderate intensity.

Cross-training also can reduce your risk of injury. This approach challenges and strengthens your joints and muscles that aren't necessarily used during your normal routine.

Regardless of what new activity you try, don't forget to set small goals and work your way up. Don't force yourself to ride a bike for an hour the first time. It's important when starting any new exercise to ease into it so you are not injured. When you try different activities, you'll find which workouts you like most and what works best for you.

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‘1619 Project’ writer learns from ‘hurtful’ attacks on her

By **LZ Granderson**
Los Angeles Times

Nikole Hannah-Jones understands power. How it is nurtured, how it protects itself and most importantly, how not to give it away. Unfortunately, lessons about power are rarely pleasurable. There is a cost. It can hurt. Burn. Sometimes scar. One reason Hannah-Jones understands power so well is because she has had her fair share of public run-ins with it from the moment “The 1619 Project” series was published in the New York Times Magazine. But through it all — targeted by the White House, second-guessed by historians, denied tenure at her alma mater — what has become clear is her detractors did not consider this: Hannah-Jones has power of her own. “Who would think that a single work of journalism would become a Republican talking point, would be in Donald Trump’s impeachment trial, would be named in legislation across the country?” Hannah-Jones said. “All of that has been very weird. But of course — and I think a lot of things led to the moment that we’re in — 1619 certainly played a role.” But let’s be clear: “The 1619 Project” is more than a single work of journalism. This month the 2019 magazine series has grown into an anthology, “The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story,” an expanded collection of essays along with

photos, poems and short stories. The current voices curated — sociologists, historians, novelists — are among the most respected in their fields while the overall collection masterfully avoids reading like a disjointed textbook. There is connective tissue here. Soul. Heart. All seamlessly coming together to form a very familiar story with an unfamiliar main character. “The 1619 Project” series challenged and in many ways changed America. The National Education Association sent copies to educators. Rebuttal books were published. President Trump signed an executive order in response, for heaven’s sake. All because on the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans landing on colonial Virginia shores, Hannah-Jones dared to place the institution of slavery — as well as the policies and cultural practices that followed — at the core of, as opposed to a footnote in, American history. “The 1619 Project” tells the country what it has tried to run away from: “In August of 1619, a ship ... carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the years of slavery that followed.” By exploring subjects such as the creation of Wall Street and the motives for the American Revolution, “The 1619 Project” doesn’t rewrite our history, it completes it. Hannah-Jones, an investi-



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones sits for a portrait in Brooklyn. **BENJAMIN NORMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



‘The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story’
By Nikole Hannah-Jones; Penguin Random House, 624 pages, \$38

gative reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2020 for the project, also is working on a 1619 documentary for Hulu. “The last two years I have become a symbol, whether a symbol for people who like me and respect my work or a symbol for people who revile me and hate my work, and that’s been a really hard adjustment for me to make,” Hannah-Jones said. “I have to be

careful of everything that I say in a public sphere.” That’s an understatement. Republicans are using “The 1619 Project,” along with critical race theory (CRT), to scare white parents into thinking little Jimmy is reading “So You Want to Be a Marxist” in school. Of course an argument can be made that the tactic is successful: CRT was a factor in Virginia’s recent election of a Republican governor. In any case, it isn’t going away anytime soon. “I think most Black Americans are ambivalent about political parties,” Hannah-Jones said. “They just know one party is actively trying to legislate against their rights. And so they have to stick with the party that might not be doing much for them but at least isn’t trying to peel back their legal citizenship rights or take away their right to vote.” During the 2020 protests, Hannah-Jones said, she was encouraged by polls that showed more white Americans were “understanding that

racial inequality was not just about individuals who weren’t taking advantage of opportunities, that there was something more embedded in our country.” But not long after came the fallout from the 2020 election, followed by the Jan. 6 Capitol attack. Has the pendulum swung the other way? “To see attacks on ‘The 1619 Project’ and this idea that racial reckoning has gone too far and now white people are the ones suffering is the most predictable thing in the world if you understand American history,” she said. Perhaps that is why when news broke that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill didn’t grant Hannah-Jones tenure in large part because conservative donor Walter Hussman opposed it, the journalist fought back. And after the UNC board of trustees belatedly reversed course after public ridicule, Hannah-Smith turned them down and took a tenured position with Howard University instead. She is not boasting when she speaks of power.

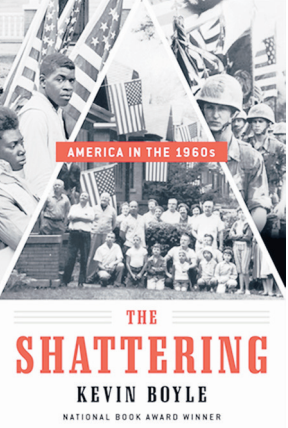
Her voice is strong but it is buoyed by resolve, not arrogance. Perhaps she is thinking about what it took to learn those lessons about power. Or perhaps she is thinking about the lessons she’s given. “What I went through with the University of North Carolina, what I’ve gone through with the attacks on my career, it’s not enjoyable. It can be hurtful. But it’s nothing, right? My life is great compared to so many people. “I was able to study power and exercise power in a way that is very rare for someone who comes from a place where I come from. I do feel empowered and I’m very aware that anything could happen and I could suddenly not be empowered. But I was very determined to use all of the lessons I have learned and being in these institutions and understanding how power works to try to use them in this circumstance. And I’m good, because I know that I’ve never sold myself out to get where I am.”

BOOK REVIEW

Think you know the 1960s? Book asks you to think again

By **Jennifer Szalai**
The New York Times

In 1997, two women in their 50s, one Black and one white, both smiling, posed for an unlikely picture — though it wasn’t the first time they had been photographed together. Forty years before, after the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, Elizabeth Eckford was one of the nine Black students who enrolled in a previously all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. In an iconic photograph from that era, a demure Eckford walks to her new school for the first time, her arm cradling a notebook and her eyes covered by sunglasses, while a white student named Hazel Bryan can be seen over Eckford’s shoulder, her face contorted into a hateful roar. Bryan had apologized to Eckford in the years since, and the fact that the two women had become friendly, agreeing to be photographed together in 1997, was welcomed as a sign of how much the United States had changed over four decades. To the white minister who had accompanied the Black teenagers to high school in 1957, the photographic evidence of their reconciliation “was the stuff of Scripture,” he wrote, “a glimpse of the Promised Land.” I recalled this bit of late-’90s triumphalism while reading “The Shattering,” Kevin Boyle’s rich, layered account of the 1960s, which necessarily traces the key events of the preceding decade, including the experience of Eckford and the Little Rock Nine. Boyle, a historian at Northwestern and the



‘The Shattering: America in the 1960s’
By Kevin Boyle; W.W. Norton & Co., 456 pages, \$32

author of the National Book Award-winning “Arc of Justice” (2004), is fully aware that to write a book about the ’60s is to cover extremely worn ground. “In the standard history,” Boyle writes, “the shattering started with the idealism of a new generation,” which rejected the stultifying compromises required by the “relentlessly moderate consensus” of the postwar era. But newer scholarship has complicated that story in ways that even “challenge its central premises,” he continues, putting less emphasis on the preceding decade’s consensus and more on its violence, embedding the 1960s in the long histories of the civil rights movement and modern conservatism. Whatever consensus politics existed in the 1950s, Boyle sets out to contextualize it in terms of the interests belonging to a particular postwar demographic — the rapidly growing middle classes. Their memories of the Depression were still fresh, but they were enjoying a prosperous stability. They wanted to be done with

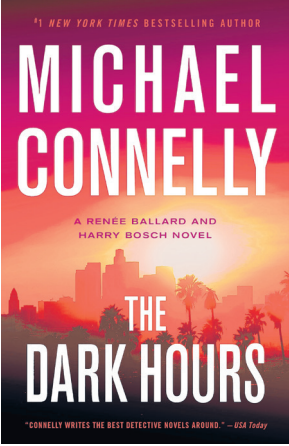
war, even as the Cold War was ramping up. Within six months of his landslide election victory in 1952, President Dwight D. Eisenhower “ended the Korean conflict with an armistice no one liked and everyone desperately wanted.” Boyle’s roiling account is full of such juxtapositions, showing how conflicting impulses made for a 1950s political order whose stalwart exterior masked a “fragile arrangement.” Eisenhower extricated the United States from Korea, but he also staged secret coups in Iran and Guatemala, eventually committing military aid to what his advisers called “nation-building” in the southern half of Vietnam. Boyle depicts the summer of 1963 as a pivotal moment. Black children in Birmingham, Alabama, being set upon by water hoses and dogs finally pushed President John F. Kennedy to draft a sweeping civil rights bill. But Klan violence intensified, as did American involvement in Vietnam. Boyle writes that two currents surfaced that summer: “one of boundless hope, the other of blood.” The story of Eckford and Bryan took another turn shortly after 1997. Whatever friendship they had began to dissipate as Eckford started to suspect that Bryan’s apologies were more self-serving than sincere. Posters of the women smiling together in 1997 are still sold at Little Rock Central High School’s visitors’ center, but Eckford has since stipulated that their sale is conditional on including a little gold sticker in the corner. “True reconciliation,” it states, “can only occur when we honestly acknowledge our painful but shared past.”

BOOK REVIEW

Ballard, Bosch just get better in Connelly’s ‘Dark Hours’

By **Colette Bancroft**
Tampa Bay Times

As Michael Connelly’s extraordinary new novel, “The Dark Hours,” begins, all of Los Angeles is waiting for 2020, that miserable year, to end. LAPD Detective Renée Ballard knows the safest place to be at the stroke of midnight: under the Cahuenga overpass, in the middle of a homeless encampment. Every cop on the force is working on New Year’s Eve, and Ballard is a veteran of the duty. She knows what’s coming at midnight: “A gunshot symphony. For a solid five minutes, there was an unbroken onslaught as revelers of the new year fired their weapons into the sky, following a Los Angeles tradition of decades.” Park your car under the freeway and avoid those bullets when they all fall. It works for Ballard and her unwilling partner of the evening, a sex crimes detective named Lisa Moore. But Javier Raffa is not so lucky. The owner of an auto tow yard was hosting a neighborhood keg party in his parking lot when he dropped. No one saw him get hit — at least no one who stuck around to talk to the police. Just minutes into the new year, Ballard has her first case. Raffa doesn’t survive, and when she checks his body at the hospital, the gunpowder particles in his hair tell her he was no accidental victim. He was shot from inches away, under cover of the midnight barrage. Moore is ready to shrug off the case and let the day shift pick it up. She’s a burnout a few years from retirement, planning to



‘The Dark Hours’
By Michael Connelly; Little, Brown, 400 pages, \$29

spend those years doing lots of paperwork and minimal investigating. Normally the dedicated, hard-charging Ballard would have nothing but scorn for Moore’s attitude. But things are different in 2021. “The pandemic and protests had changed everything,” Connelly writes. “The department went from being proactive to reactive. And the change had somehow cast Ballard adrift. She had found herself more than once thinking about quitting. That is, until the Midnight Men came along. They had given her purpose.” Ballard is teamed with Moore because of the Midnight Men. That’s the name Ballard has given to a pair of “tag team” rapists who have already struck twice, on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Two rapists working together is unusual, and this pair has other distinctive and horrifying markers: They attack their sleeping victims in their own beds, with no signs of breaking and entering, blindfold and bind them, and stay for hours. They chop off a hank of each victim’s hair and take it with them. And they strike

on holidays. Sure enough, on New Year’s Day, Ballard finds herself talking to their latest target, Cindy Carpenter. The attack on her bears all the markers of the Midnight Men. And Ballard is appalled to discover that Carpenter lives in the Dell, a neighborhood just blocks from the Cahuenga overpass, where Ballard was sitting “right when these guys were up there behind me.” According to the rule book, Ballard should hand off the Raffa murder and work the rape case with Moore. But Moore has sneaked off for an unauthorized weekend with her boyfriend, and Ballard wants to hang onto the murder case: “She knew this could be the solve she needed to save herself.” So she pursues both cases on her own. She catches a lucky break when the shell casing from Raffa’s murder pings a match on another case from almost 10 years before. The shooting death of Albert Lee in a robbery is unsolved. Then Ballard catches an even better break: The original investigator on Lee’s case was Harry Bosch. It takes no time at all for Ballard and the now-retired Bosch to fall into their old rhythm, working the murders as related cases. This is the fourth novel Connelly has written about Ballard, the third in which Bosch plays a significant role. He’s one of the best in the business at writing about investigations and creating intense suspense, but the relationship between Ballard and Bosch — a professional friendship that grows out of two brilliant minds dedicated to the same difficult but important work — is the cherry on top.

Hartford Courant

SPORTS

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PATRIOTS

It's your after Thanksgiving wake-up call



Head coach Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots talks to Mac Jones. Belichick likes to say football season starts after Thanksgiving. AP

If Belichick's saying true, team should roll

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Bill Belichick's most famous mantra is plastered on walls throughout Gillette Stadium and adorns clothing sold in the team pro shop: Do your job. But he has another saying that Tom Brady has been repeating since at least 2010. Julian Edelman once said in 2014, "Ever since I've been here, the coach has put it in my ears." Jason McCourty said in

Up next
Titans (8-3) at Patriots (7-4)
Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS

2018 that it's "probably not a quote that I've had a coach or anybody emphasize as much as Bill says here." You know it well if you've been following the Patriots for the past 20 years: Football season starts after Thanksgiving. "It's something that I've heard for a long time," said linebacker Dont'a Hightower. "Obviously, it's something that we believe here. It's not that we don't want to win those games early on in the year.

But momentum builds, and just usually you want to play your best ball toward the end of the year." The mantra is even more appropriate for the Patriots this season. They enter Sunday's game against the Titans as the NFL's hottest team, winners of five straight to improve to 7-4. But it will all be for naught if the Patriots don't take care of business in their next four games, each against AFC playoff contenders. It starts this Sunday against the 8-3 Titans, who hold the No. 1 seed in the AFC. It continues the following week with a "Monday Night

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MLB COMMENTARY

A-Rod, Ortiz headline a HOF Ballot from Hell

By Bill Madden
Baseball columnist

NEW YORK — This week some 401 voting members of the Baseball Writers Association will be receiving their 2022 Hall of Fame ballots — or as I prefer to call it, the Ballot from Hell. You've got steroids cheats going off, steroids cheats coming on, two other steroids cheats somehow hanging on, another leading candidate accused of some horrible sexual harassment charges — and then there is the other elephant in the room in Curt Schilling, who has done everything possible to talk himself out of ever being elected despite a resume as one of the greatest postseason pitchers in history. This is why it would not be at all surprising if, for the second year in a row, the BBWAA hurls a shutout.

Starting with the two most prominent first-year players on the ballot, Alex Rodriguez and David Ortiz, and keeping in mind the "integrity/character/sportsmanship" voting instructions clause in the ballot, here's a review of this rogues gallery of Hall of Fame hopefuls:

A-Rod: After first admitting to using banned substances from 2001-03 in a 2009 interview with ESPN (having previously flat out denied using steroids in a "60 Minutes" interview with Katie Couric), A-Rod was found to be one of the principals in a 2013 MLB investigation of a south Florida biogenesis clinic for which he received a record 211-game suspension. During that period he launched a scorched earth policy against MLB commissioner Bud Selig, the Yankees, and the Players Association, threatening to sue everyone. But all is apparently forgiven now as commissioner Rob Manfred, who led the Biogenesis investigation for Selig, later pardoned A-Rod, now ESPN's lead announcer on the Sunday Night Baseball, and welcomed him back into baseball's good graces.

Ortiz: This is a much murkier situation even though Big Papi probably has more "integrity/character/sportsmanship" clause baggage than almost anyone else on the ballot. It starts with him being revealed in a 2009 New York Times report, along with A-Rod, Sammy Sosa and Manny Ramirez, in a group of roughly

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Connecticut tight end Jay Rose (81) gains some ground against the Houston defense in the first half on Saturday at Rentschler Field. Houston led at the half, 21-10. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

HOUSTON 45, UCONN 17

It's over. It's done.

Mora ready to begin the uphill climb with team

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — It's called "skinning," for those who prefer to stay indoors when it's cold outside. You attach a material, such as moleskin, to the bottom of your skis and walk up the mountain in the dark, then put on a miner's cap and ski downhill. "Which I think is crazy," UConn AD David Benedict said. Jim Mora, UConn's new football coach, is an avid skinner. "I love to go uphill," Mora said Saturday, as he was introduced in person to UConn boosters, alumni and state media. "Whether it's hiking, climbing, skinning, snowshoeing, mountain biking, I like



to go uphill. Like things that are hard, hard things motivate me. This is just another chance to continue to walk uphill." Mora, who turned 60 on Nov. 19, has come to the right place for an uphill battle. The Huskies, who finished their season 1-11 with a 45-17 to Houston on Saturday, offer no other direction. His first step upon taking over the program

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No. 19 Houston ends Huskies season with one more rout

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — The UConn football season ended with a one-sided loss, which was the way it began. And mostly what came in between. Houston ended the misery for the 2021 Huskies with an 45-17 Saturday victory at Rentschler Field, where 12,685 fans observed the passing of the season with a couple of hours of mostly silence. New coach Jim Mora was introduced before the game, representing hope for a new era. UConn (1-11) lost seven games by 28 or more points, its only win over Yale, 21-15. "It's not how we wanted it to go this season," said freshman defensive back Malik Dixon, who returned an interception for UConn's final score of the season. "But we don't don't want to quit, we want to fight and give every-

body hope that we're not going to quit. We're going to go out and give it our all and we've got a lot to prove next season." Houston's Clayton Tune threw for 301 yards, completing 21 of 30 passes for four touchdowns. The Cougars (11-1), ranked 19th in the AP Poll, will play Cincinnati for the American Athletic Conference championship next week. They scored in the first quarter as Alton McCaskill, virtually untouched once he crossed the line of scrimmage, rushed 31 yards for a touchdown. Another big play, Tune's 49-yard pass to Jake Herslow, gave Houston a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. UConn scored on Steven Krajewski's 34-yard pass to Kevens Clercius with 6:19 to go in the half, but Krajewski left the game with an injury on the next series, with

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Safety Tip of the Day

When using candles throughout your house, always use non-flammable candle holders and be sure to place those candles where they will not be knocked over.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Titans, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: Eagles, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: at Texans, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: Maryland-Eastern Shore (XL Center), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Grambling State (Gampel), Saturday, 4 p.m.; Big East-Big 12 Battle: at West Virginia, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
UConn WBB: at Seton Hall, Friday, 7 p.m.; Notre Dame (Gampel), Dec. 5, noon; at Georgia Tech, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
Celtics: at Raptors, Sunday, 6 p.m.; 76ers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Jazz, Friday, 9 p.m.
Knicks: at Nets, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bulls, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Nuggets, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Nets: Knicks, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Timberwolves, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Bulls, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Merrimack, Friday, 7 p.m.; Merrimack, Saturday, 3 p.m.; at AIC, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Canucks, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Predators, Thursday, 8 p.m.
Rangers: Flyers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sharks, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blackhawks, Saturday, 8 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Springfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.; Utica, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: Troy at Florida. (Live) SEC
12 p.m.: Bethune-Cookman at Seton Hall. (Live) FS1
2 p.m.: Womens College } Troy at Duke. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Womens College Bethune-Cookman at Alabama. (Live) SEC
2 p.m.: Eastern Michigan at DePaul. (Live) FS1
3 p.m.: College Park Skyhawks at Capital City Go-Go. (Live) NBA
4 p.m.: Pennsylvania at Arkansas. (Live) SEC
4 p.m.: 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers Canada vs Bahamas. (Live) SPRTNET
6 p.m.: Villanova at La Salle. (Live) ESPN2
6 p.m.: Boston Celtics at Toronto Raptors. (Live), NBCSB.
6:30 p.m.: ESPN Events Invitational, Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: Hampton at Norfolk State. (Live) ESPN2
10:30 p.m.: Detroit Pistons at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) SPRTNET
10:30 p.m.: Grambling State at Morgan State. (Live) ESPN
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS FOX
1 p.m.: Montreal Alouettes at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: Los Angeles Chargers at Denver Broncos. (Live) CBS
4:25 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
8:20 p.m.: Cleveland Browns at Baltimore Ravens. (Live) NBC
HOCKEY
1 p.m.: Washington Capitals at Carolina Hurricanes. (Live) SPRTNET
6 p.m.: New York Islanders at New York Rangers. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Vancouver Canucks at Boston Bruins. (Live), NESN. SPRTNET
SKATING
3 p.m.: Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: Rostelecom Cup. (Live) NBC
SOCCER
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Eintracht Frankfurt vs FC Union Berlin. (Live) SPRTNET
2:30 p.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Como vs Pa.m.. (Live) FSP
3 p.m.: MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Sporting Kansas City. (Live) ABC
5:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer Nashville SC at Philadelphia Union. (Live) ESPN
8:30 p.m.: USL Championship Soccer Final -- Tampa Bay Rowdies vs Orange County SC. (Live) ESPN
TENNIS
12 p.m.: Davis Cup Tennis United States vs Colombia. (Live) CBSSN
6 p.m.: World TeamTennis Final: Teams TBA. (Live) TENNIS
WINTER SPORTS
12:30 p.m.: FIS Alpine Skiing HomeLight Killington Cup. (Live) NBC

Outfielder Marte wraps up 4-year deal with Mets

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Mets struck gold this Black Friday. The club is finalizing a deal with Gold Glove outfielder Starling Marte, a source confirmed late Friday night. Marte's acquisition caps a big one-day spending spree for the Mets, after the team also picked up infielder Eduardo Escobar and outfielder Mark Canha on Friday. Marte, Escobar and Canha represent three big pieces for the Mets. They can field an outfield made up of Brandon Nimmo, Canha and Marte while Escobar takes over the hot corner. Friday's trio of deals are a good indication that Michael Conforto, a free agent who declined the Mets' qualifying offer worth \$18.4 million, will not return to Flushing in 2022. MLB Network's Jon Heyman was first to report the Marte deal. The Mets have not yet made any of their three Friday deals official. All are pending physicals, per a source. Marte is the best center fielder on the free agent market this offseason. He is in agreement to sign a four-year, \$78 million contract with the Mets, according to multiple reports. In



The Mets agreed with former Athletics outfielder Starling Marte on a four-year, \$78 million deal as part of a big free agent haul along with Eduardo Escobar and Mark Canha on Friday. **JEFF CHIU/AP**

addition to his pair of Gold Glove awards, the 33-year-old received an All-Star nod in 2016 while being a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Marte is coming off one of the best seasons of his 10-year big-league career. Split between the Miami Marlins and Oakland A's in 2021, he slashed .310/.383/.458 with 12 home runs, a 132 OPS+ and an MLB-best 47 stolen bases over 120 games. Escobar, 32, is a switch hitter who started 2021 playing for the Arizona Diamondbacks before he was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers at July's deadline. He is expected to play

third base most days for the Mets, but can also slide around the infield as a utility option. "Man I couldn't be more excited to have my boy Escobar with us," tweeted Mets pitcher Taijuan Walker, who played with Escobar in Arizona. "Hands down one of the best teammates I've ever had. Mets fans are going to love him! Welcome my friend" Canha, 32, is an under-rated outfielder who can play all three positions, plus first base. He slashed .231/.358/.387 with a 111 OPS+ and 17 home runs and 12 stolen bases for the A's last season. Canha is an above-average depth piece with a key right-handed bat. He spent the past seven seasons in Oakland. The Marte deal, in addition to key pieces in Canha and Escobar, is Billy Eppler's first big splash as Mets GM. He was officially announced as the 16th GM in Mets franchise history last week, with the promise from his boss, Steve Cohen, that the team would spend big this offseason. After their first big three acquisitions, the Mets spent nearly \$125 million in one day. They have plenty of roster work still left to do, with an emphasis on starting pitching, in what is expected to be a busy offseason for Cohen and his front office officials.

KNICKS

Returning to Atlanta for 1st time since playoff disaster

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — The Knicks returned to Atlanta having not yet recovered from the eye-opening-playoff beatdown administered six months earlier. Julius Randle, most notably, hadn't resurfaced as the star who earned second-team All-NBA. He was stifled by the Hawks in the playoffs, chalked it up as an anomaly, but entered Saturday still struggling to deal with the added defensive pressure. He was averaging fewer points than last season, fewer assists, fewer rebounds and shooting at a lower percentage. RJ Barrett was also a disappointment in that series against the Hawks, and he entered Saturday on a nasty 10-game slump of

shooting under 30% overall and under 23% from beyond the arc. As a response to the team's anemic offense in the playoffs, team President Leon Rose used his league-high cap space on two shooters — Kemba Walker and Evan Fournier — to boost the starting lineup. But neither addition had lived up his billing before the return to Atlanta, and the lineup's production dipped precipitously from last season. The Hawks, meanwhile, were hitting their stride entering Saturday, winners of seven straight, all by double digits. Trae Young's playoff performance and celebration — a Broadway bow after eliminating the Knicks at MSG — turned him into a bona fide villain for Knicks fans. Reggie Miller, perhaps

the greatest Knicks foil of the last 25 years, appreciated how Young riled up emotions of Knicks fans. "It was fun to watch," Miller, now an analyst for NBA on TNT, said of the playoff series. "And going forward, it's going to be a true rivalry now, because of Trae Young, between the Hawks and the Knicks. "To me, those are kind've what's missing, the missing piece in the league. I love individual play, I love superstars, don't get me wrong. But when you get cities that really don't like one another, it just takes it up to another level like how we didn't like the Knicks (when Miller was with the Pacers), like how the Lakers didn't like Sacramento. Those things are fun to watch — when you got cities jumping into it as well as the players."

SPURS 96, CELTICS 88 LATE FRIDAY

Murray, Spurs outlast Celtics

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio blew another big lead, but this time it led to a celebration for the Spurs. Dejounte Murray had 29 points and 11 rebounds and the Spurs rallied in the final minute after blowing a 24-point lead to beat the Boston Celtics 96-88 on Friday night, snapping a six-game skid. "They took a big hit," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Boston did a great

job coming back, taking a lead. We got a little discom-bobulated, but we hung tough, and they kept playing the whole 48 (minutes). Really, really proud (and) happy for them." San Antonio closed the game on a 15-0 run to hand Boston its second straight loss. Keldon Johnson and Derrick White added 17 points each and Tre Jones had a career-high 12 points for San Antonio. Jayson Tatum had 24

points and 12 rebounds for Boston, and Jaylen Brown added 16 points as Boston. The Celtics have lost four of five on the road. Murray had 13 points in the final quarter, including eight in final 2:58 to prevent another disastrous finish for San Antonio against Boston. "Defensively, nobody could stop Dejounte Murray," Boston coach Ime Udoka said. "He got some 1-on-1s and made some tough shots over pretty much everybody."

REGIONAL DIGEST

Springfield pays back Wolf Pack

The Springfield Thunderbirds scored three goals in the second period and evened up a home-and-home series with a 4-2 win over the visiting Hartford Wolf Pack in an AHL game between the top two teams in the Atlantic Division on Saturday. The Wolf Pack had defeated Springfield 5-3 on Friday night. Ty Ronning, with his sixth of the season, gave Hartford (12-4-2-0) the early lead with a power-play goal at 4:55 of the first. The Thunderbirds (14-3-2-0) countered with four

unanswered goals to take the lead. Hartford's Zac Jones closed the gap with his third goal of the season, finding the net at 12:18 of the third. UConn rolls past Colgate for nonconference win Six different players scored as the UConn hockey team won its second straight game, a 6-1 nonconference win over Colgate at the XL Center.



Former Rays' Michael Wacha pitches during a game on Oct. 3 in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

RED SOX

Sox finalize deal with RHP Wacha pending physical

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The Red Sox finalized a one-year deal with righthander Michael Wacha pending a physical, the team announced Saturday. Wacha, 30, spent his first seven years in the majors with the Cardinals. He was an All-Star in just his third season (2015), finishing the year with a 3.38 ERA in 181 1/3 innings. The deal, according to a league source, is for one year and \$7 million. Wacha finished his Cardinal tenure with a 3.91 ERA in 165 games, 151 of which came as a starter. Since then, though, Wacha hasn't had the same success. He signed a one-year deal with the Mets for the 2020 shortened season and finished with a 6.62 ERA. He was limited to eight games (seven starts) and 34 innings after dealing with shoulder inflammation. Injuries and shoulder issues have dogged Wacha for much of his career. In 2014, Wacha missed time twice because of shoulder woes. Wacha signed a one-year deal with the Rays in 2021 but in 29 games (23 starts), he produced a 5.05 ERA in 124 2/3 innings. Wacha has never been much of a hard thrower, making his margin for error slim against an era of hitters used to seeing high-powered arms. Despite the lack of recent success, Wacha gives the Sox depth. "We're very active," chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom said at the start of the week. "We're in conversation with a few different guys. We've touched base with a wide variety of play-

ers, just about everybody who's on the market. It's gotten more serious and more involved with some of them. "I think by the time the offseason is over, we will have added pitching of various sorts, including starting pitching. I think that's something that's a clear goal of ours." Judging by the numbers, it seems Wacha's ceiling is as a No. 5 starter if the Sox decide to go in that direction. With the recent departure of Eduardo Rodriguez to the Tigers, the Sox have a hole to fill. Wacha doesn't fill that hole, but he gives the Red Sox a veteran presence who offers flexibility in multiple roles. "Obviously, [Rodriguez] was very accomplished," Bloom said. "That's a tough bar to reach. We do think we have guys that are capable of it. But we also want to supplement that with additions from outside the organization." The Red Sox still have a lot of work to do on the starting pitching market. Chris Sale is entering his first full season since Tommy John surgery. Nick Pivetta is better suited for the back-end of the rotation. Garrett Whitlock and Tanner Houck could be relievers or starters next season. The Sox hope Wacha can be a small part of the improvement plan. "There are a couple hundred players in any given winter who are free agents," Bloom said. "Ultimately, you're going to explore a lot of things that are going to come to pass. But you know, sometimes things that may not, on the surface, look like as much of a need end up being really good mutual fits, and you make yourself better."

Ballot

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100 players who tested positive in a 2003 anonymous drug testing survey conducted by MLB and the players union. At the time, Ortiz did not deny the report, saying only he couldn't be sure if he'd ever taken an illegal substance — but there is no question, after being signed by the Red Sox in 2003, following his release by the Twins, his career had remarkable power surge midway through that season, which didn't cease until injuries began taking a toll in 2012. But, again, Manfred has taken pains to soft peddle the drug allegations around Ortiz, telling USA Today in 2016: "Even if your name was on that [anonymous] list, it's entirely possible that you were not a positive. I don't think anyone understands very well what that was." Meanwhile, as A-Rod and Big Papi arrive on the ballot with all their baggage, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, the two most notorious steroid cheats are about to depart it. Both have been stalled out at 60-61% their last few years on the ballot and it's highly unlikely they'll get a 15% bump to the necessary 75% needed for election in their last try. For what it's worth, Ramirez, twice suspended for steroid use, still managed 28.2% last year, while Sosa, who was never suspended, got 17%. Go figure. And then there is Mr. Schilling, who came the closest to election

last year with 71.1% and finished with an 11-2, 2.23 ERA, record in 19 postseason games. He should have been elected long ago, but has repeatedly turned voters off with his extremist political comments on social media, promoting white supremacists on his podcast etc., to the point where baseball writers like myself have said: "I'll only vote for him now if he'll promise not to make an induction speech." After falling 16 votes shy last year, Schilling requested to have his name removed from the ballot, once again ripping the writers, while saying he'd rather take his chances with the former players on the veterans committee "who are in a position to actually judge a player." We did not take him off the ballot, but I for one will grant his wish to be deferred to the veterans committee. As if we didn't have enough stain on this ballot with the druggies and the abhorrent Schilling, there is the case of Omar Vizquel, the best shortstop I ever saw, who appeared to be making great strides toward eventual election, finishing sixth last year with 49.1% — until the report last August that, while he was manager of the White Sox Double-A farm team in Birmingham in 2019, he was alleged to have sexually harassed a former bat boy, who has autism. The previous December, Vizquel was accused of domestic abuse by his wife, Blanca, and I suspect he will experience a significant decline of support this year.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	14	5	.737	—
New York	9	9	.526	4
Boston	10	10	.500	4½
Philadelphia	10	10	.500	4½
Toronto	9	11	.450	5½

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	12	7	.632	—
Washington	12	7	.632	—
Charlotte	13	8	.619	—
Atlanta	11	9	.550	1½
Orlando	4	16	.200	8½

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	13	7	.650	—
Milwaukee	12	8	.600	1
Cleveland	9	10	.474	3½
Indiana	9	12	.429	4½
Detroit	4	15	.211	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	10	7	.588	—
Memphis	9	10	.474	2
San Antonio	5	13	.278	5½
New Orleans	5	16	.238	7
Houston	2	16	.111	8½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	12	7	.632	—
Portland	10	10	.500	2½
Minnesota	10	10	.500	2½
Denver	9	10	.474	3
Oklahoma City	6	13	.316	6

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Golden State	17	2	.895	—
Phoenix	16	3	.842	1
L.A. Clippers	11	8	.579	6
L.A. Lakers	10	11	.476	8
Sacramento	8	12	.400	9½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 121, Philadelphia 120, 2OT
New York at Atlanta, late
Phoenix at Brooklyn, late
Charlotte at Houston, late
Miami at Chicago, late
Orlando at Cleveland, late
Washington at Dallas, late
New Orleans at Utah, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 3:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 5p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 6p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Clippers 107, Detroit 96
Charlotte 133, Minnesota 115
Phoenix 118, New York 97
Chicago 123, Orlando 88
Atlanta 132, Memphis 100
Indiana 114, Toronto 97
Washington 101, Oklahoma City 99
San Antonio 96, Boston 88
Milwaukee 120, Denver 109
New Orleans 98, Utah 97
Golden State 118, Portland 103
Sacramento 141, L.A. Lakers 137 (30T)

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	326	182	
New England	7	4	0	.636	300	177	
Miami	4	7	0	.364	201	269	
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	178	320	

NORTH							
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Tennessee	8	3	0	.727	291	254	
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	309	245	
Houston	2	8	0	.200	150	271	
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	159	262	

WEST							
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	281	250	
L.A. Chargers	6	5	0	.600	260	265	
Las Vegas	6	5	0	.545	259	295	
Denver	5	5	0	.500	200	183	

NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	326	250	
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	297	260	
Washington	4	6	0	.400	212	267	
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	189	246	

SOUTH							
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	309	222	
Carolina	5	6	0	.455	226	220	
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	257	249	
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	178	288	

NORTH							
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	247	214	
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	255	242	
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	179	254	
Detroit	0	10	1	.045	174	289	

WEST							
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA		
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	310	202	
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	271	227	
San Francisco	5	5	0	.500	246	222	
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	194	209	

WEEK 12
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 1p.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Tennessee at New England, 1p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05p.m.
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 4:25p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 4:25p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:20p.m.
Open: Kansas City, Arizona

MONDAY'S GAME
Seattle at Washington, 8:15p.m.

WEEK13
THURSDAY'S GAME
Dallas at New Orleans, 8:20p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5
Arizona at Chicago, 1p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m.
Washington at Las Vegas, 4:05p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:25p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20p.m.
Open: Cleveland, Tennessee, Carolina, Green Bay

MONDAY, DEC. 6
New England at Buffalo, 8:15p.m.

TOP RUSING PERFORMANCES
185, Jonathan Taylor, IND at BUF 1½(32 att., 4TD)
182, Derrick Henry, TEN at SEA 9/19(OT) (35att., 3TD)
172, Jonathan Taylor, IND vs. NYJ 1¼ (19 att., 2TD)
161, Nick Chubb, CLE at LAC 10/10(21 att., 1TD)
157, Derrick Henry, TEN at NYJ 10/3 (OT) (33att., 1TD)
149, James Robinson, JAC vs. TEN 10/10 (18att., 1TD)
146, D'Ernest Johnson, CLE vs. DEN 10/21 (22att., 1TD)
145, Jonathan Taylor, IND vs. HOU 10/17 (14att., 2TD)
143, Derrick Henry, TEN vs. BUF 10/18 (20att., 3TD)
143, Ezekiel Elliott, DAL vs. CAR 10/3 (20 att., 1TD)
140, Dalvin Cook, MIN at CAR 10/17(OT) (29att., 1TD)
137, Nick Chubb, CLE at CIN 11/7 (14 att., 2TD)
137, Elijah Mitchell, SF at CHI 10/31(18 att., 1TD)
136, D'Andre Swift, DET at CLE 11¼(14 att., 1TD)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	21	14	4	3	31	77	56			
Toronto	22	15	6	1	31	61	48			
Tampa Bay	19	12	4	3	27	62	52			
Detroit	21	9	9	3	21	58	69			
Boston	17	10	7	0	20	53	49			
Buffalo	20	8	10	2	18	58	67			
Montreal	22	5	15	2	12	48	80			
Ottawa	18	4	13	1	9	44	69			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			

Carolina	19	15	3	1	31	64	39			
Washington	21	13	3	5	31	74	50			
N.Y. Rangers	20	13	4	3	29	60	54			
Columbus	18	12	6	0	24	64	53			
Pittsburgh	20	10	6	4	24	59	53			
New Jersey	18	8	6	4	20	52	56			
Philadelphia	19	8	7	4	20	47	56			
N.Y. Islanders	17	5	10	2	12	32	52			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	20	13	6	1	27	74	62			
St. Louis	20	10	7	3	23	65	56			
Nashville	20	11	8	1	23	56	57			
Winnipeg	20	9	7	4	22	56	58			
Colorado	17	10	6	1	21	67	54			
Dallas	18	9	7	2	20	50	53			
Chicago	20	7	11	2	16	45	65			
Arizona	20	4	14	2	10	37	74			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			

Calgary	20	12	3	5	29	68	38			
Edmonton	19	14	5	0	28	74	57			
Anaheim	21	11	7	3	25	69	56			
Vegas	20	12	8	0	24	64	61			
San Jose	20	10	9	1	21	53	58			
Los Angeles	19	8	8	3	19	49	52			
Seattle	21	7	13	1	15	58	73			
Vancouver	21	6	13	2	14	49	70			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 4, Florida 1
Buffalo at Detroit, late
Edmonton at Vegas, late
Montreal at Pittsburgh, late
Ottawa at Los Angeles, late
Columbus at St. Louis, late
Dallas at Arizona, late
Nashville at Colorado, late
Winnipeg at Calgary, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Carolina, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 2p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7p.m.
Vancouver at Boston, 7p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 5, Boston 2
Minnesota 7, Winnipeg 1
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2(OT)
Carolina 6, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 4, Ottawa 0
Washington 4, Florida 3
Nashville 4, New Jersey 2
Buffalo 4, Montreal 1
Columbus 4, Vancouver 2
Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 0
Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Islanders 0
Dallas 3, Colorado 1
Toronto 4, San Jose 1

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	LINE	O/U	SUNDAY UNDERDOG
at Florida	21 (134½)		Troy
Kansas	14½ (142)		at Iowa
at Bowling Green	22½(144)		Chicago St.
at S. Carolina	17 (145)		Rider
at DePaul	11½ (146)		E. Michigan
James Madison	1 (146)		at FAU
Evansville	5½ (127½)		at E. Illinois
at SMU	17½(145½)		La.-Monroe
Wofford	1½ (140)		at Georgia
at Arkansas	18½(147½)		Penn
at Quinnipiac	1½ (135½)		Brown
at Belmont	3½ (143½)		Dayton
at KansasSt.	19 (138½)		N. Dakota
Villanova	18½(140½)		at La Salle
at San Diego	11½ (133)CC		Northridge
at Alabama	10½ (153)		Miami
at Colorado	5½ (134)		Stanford
at California	2½ (122½)		Fresno St.

NBA	SUNDAY	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Golden State	2½ (218)	at LA Clippers			
Milwaukee	2 (210½)	at Memphis			
at Toronto	3 (20½)	Boston			
at LA Lakers	10 (216½)	Detroit			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	SAT. DEC. 4	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Georgia	4 (51)	at Alabama			

NFL WEEK 13	SUNDAY	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Atlanta	2(45½)	at Jacksonville			
at New England	7 (43½)	Tennessee			
Philadelphia	3½(45½)	at NY Giants			
at Cincinnati	3½(44½)	Pittsburgh			
Tampa Bay	3½(52)	at Indpls			
Carolina	2 (41½)	at Miami			
at Houston	2½(44½)	NY Jets			
LA Chargers	2½ (47)	at Denver			
at San Francisco	3 (49)	Minnesota			
LA Rams	2 (47)	at Green Bay			
at Baltimore	3½ (47)	Cleveland			

MONDAY
at Washington 1 (46½) Seattle

NHL	SUNDAY	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at Carolina	-154	Washington	+128		
Tampa Bay	-113	at Minnesota	-106		
at N.Y. Rangers	-164	N.Y. Islanders	+136		
at New Jersey	-134	Philadelphia	+112		
at Boston	-260	Vancouver	+210		
at Chicago	-132	San Jose	+110		
Toronto	-176	at Anaheim	+146		

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MLS PLAYOFFS
Home teams listed first
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Eastern Conference
SUNDAY, NOV. 28
No. 3Nashville vs.
No. 7Philadelphia, 5:30p.m.
TUESDAY, NOV. 30
No. 1New England vs.
New York City FC, 7:30p.m.
Western Conference
THURSDAY, NOV. 25
Portland 1, No. 1 Colorado 0
SUNDAY, NOV. 28
No. 3Sporting Kansas City vs. No. 7Real Salt Lake, 3p.m.

CONFERENCE FINALS
Eastern Conference, Dec. 4-5
Semifinal winners, TBD
Western Conference, Dec. 4-5
Semifinal winners, TBD

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE							
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GAPTS	
Chelsea	12	9	2	1	30	4	29
Liverpool	13	8	4	1	29	11	28
Man City	12	8	2	2	25	6	26
West Ham	12	7	2	3	23	14	23
Arsenal	13	7	2	4	15	17	23
Wolverhampton	13	6	2	5	12	12	20
Tottenham	12	6	1	5	12	12	19
Sheff Wed	13	6	1	6	12	14	18
Man United	12	5	2	5	20	21	17
Crystal Palace	13	3	7	3	19	19	16
Aston Villa	13	5	1	7	18	21	16
Everton	12	4	3	5	16	19	15
Leicester	12	4	3	5	16	21	15
Southampton	13	3	5	5	11	18	14
Brentford	12	3	4	5	16	17	13
Watford	12	4	1	7	16	20	13
Leeds	13	2	6	5	12	20	12
Burnley	12	1	6	5	14	20	9
Norwich	13	2	3	8	7	27	9
Newcastle	13	0	6	7	15	29	9

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: UConn vs.
Maryland-Eastern Shore,
7 p.m., CBS SN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Friday: UConn at Seton Hall,
7 p.m., SNY



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wake Forest beats BC, will play for ACC title

By Associated Press

BOSTON — Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson had no complaints about sharing the screen on his postgame video call.

“Say hello to our new friend,” he said, holding up the ACC’s Atlantic Division trophy after the No. 21 Demon Deacons beat Boston College 41-10 to advance to the conference title game.

“We knew what was at stake. It was as big of a game as we’ve coached and played in. We knew what we had to do.”

Sam Hartman threw for three touchdowns and ran for another Saturday as the Demon Deacons earned the right to play Pittsburgh next weekend for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

It would be Wake Forest’s first ACC title since 2006, which was also the only other time in more than a century of football that it has won 10 or more games.

“We’ve got a game next week, and our goal was to be the ACC champions,” Clawson said. “There’s still meat on the bone. There’s still a lot to play for.

“We’re happy, but we’re certainly not satisfied.”

While North Carolina State hoped for a BC win that would deliver the division crown to the Wolfpack, the Demon Deacons opened an early 14-0 lead and scored the last 24 points of the game.

With the backups in for a few final kneel-downs, Wake Forest players and coaches hugged on the sidelines before taking their celebration to the field.

Clawson received the requisite ice-water bath, then the players slapped hands with the fans behind their bench before posing for pictures in front of the goalposts and scoreboard.

“It was a cool moment to share with our fans, people that traveled or are here in Boston,” Hartman said. “It was a great moment for Wake Forest and for our football team and the guys that have been here all year.”

Hartman ran it in from 7 yards out midway through the first quarter and made it 14-0 on a 33-yard pass to A.T. Perry. It was 17-10 late in the second when Brandon Sebastian intercepted Hartman in the end zone, but BC went three-and out and then Wake Forest scored on Hartman’s 7-yard pass to Perry just before halftime.

BC (6-6, 2-6) ran off four three-and-outs in the second half — interrupted only by an interception. Wake Forest extended its lead with a field goal, a 3-yard run by Christian Turner that made it 34-10 and Hartman’s 2-yard pass to Blake Whiteheart.

Hartman completed 20 of 32 passes for 236 yards and ran 11 times for 51 yards. Perry caught four passes for 81 yards and two scores.

Phil Jurkovec was 3-for-11 passing for 19 yards for one touchdown and two interceptions, but he also led the Eagles with 66 yards rushing.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Horchler lifts Providence past Saint Peter’s

By Associated Press

Noah Horchler had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Nate Watson added 23 points as Providence topped visiting Saint Peter’s 85-71 in a nonconference game on Saturday.

Horchler hit 9 of 10 shots, including 3 of 4 3-pointers for a career-high at Providence. He added five assists.

Watson added six rebounds and two blocked shots.

A.J. Reeves had 12 points for Providence (6-1), which earned its fourth consecutive home victory. Aljami Durham added 11 points.

Daryl Banks III scored a career-high 26 points for the Peacocks (1-3). Doug Edert added 16 points. Fousseyni Drame had 13 points and nine rebounds.

St. John’s 77, NJIT 68 (OT): At Queens, N.Y., the Red Storm narrowly escaped the upset with the nonconference overtime win at the Carnesecca Arena.

Posh Alexander and Joel Soriano lead St. John’s (5-1) with 16 points each. Julian Champagne had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Montez Mathis added 10.

Alexander had a chance to win the game in regulation but his three-point attempt fell short with one second left.

Dylan O’Hearn had 19 points and James lee 17 and eight rebounds for NJIT.

Creighton 70, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 65: At Omaha, Neb., Ryan Hawkins had 14 points, seven rebounds and five

steals as Creighton defeated Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Arthur Kaluma had 12 points for Creighton (6-1). Alex O’Connell added 11 points. Ray’Sean Taylor had 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for the Cougars (2-5). DeeJuan Pruitt added 13 points. Shamar Wright had 13 points and seven rebounds.



Connecticut interim head coach Lou Spanos gets a hug from linebacker Jordan Morrison after UConn’s season finale at Rentschler Field. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

UConn

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Micah Leon taking over. Leon got hurt late in the game, and was replaced by Jacob Drena, a freshman from Southington. Jack Zergiotis, who started the first two games this season and played briefly at Clemson, was not available, according to interim coach Lou Spanos, but is still with the program. Krajewski was nine for 19 for 79 yards, Leon 10 for 13 for 62 and Drena 2 for 3 for 15.

Tight end Jay Rose from Southington, one of 18 seniors honored before the game, caught six passes for 33 yards, and Kevin Mensah carried 13 times for 48,

Krajewski eight times for 56.

Houston extended its lead on Tune’s 6-yard TD pass to Nathaniel Dell. Tune hooked up with Dell again for 13 yards and a score and Jeremy Singleton for 34 and another TD in the third quarter, extending Houston’s lead to 38-10.

Dixon’s interception and 37-yard return gave UConn a fourth-quarter touchdown.

“I was patient on the play and I saw it break out,” Dixon said. “So I knew it was time to make a play. It was a great feeling, that’s for sure, I needed it.”

Spanos, who took over when Randy Edsall retired in September, turns the program over to Mora.

Spanos has worked under Mora before, at UCLA, but neither he nor Mora have given any clue as to what his future might be at UConn.

“Throughout the process and in the locker room,” Spanos said, “the brotherhood we have, the relationships and what we went through, it’s been a great experience, a learning experience and I think our players got better.”

UConn has lost 14 in a row to FBS opponents, a streak dating back to a victory at UMass in October 2019, and 36 of their last 37. The Huskies are 10-50 since their last Bowl appearance in January 2016.

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HOUSTON 45, UCONN 17	
Houston 7 14 17 7 — 45	
UConn 0 10 0 7 — 17	

First Quarter
Houston: Alton McCaskill 31 run (Dalton Witherspoon kick), 10:21. **Drive:** 6 plays, 55 yards, 3:02. Houston 7, UConn 0.

Second Quarter
Houston: Jake Herslow 49 pass from Clayton Tune (Witherspoon kick), 11:44. **Drive:** 3 plays, 52 yards, 0:50. Houston 14, UConn 0. **UConn:** Kevens Clercius 34 pass from Steven Krajewski (Joe McFadden kick), 6:31. **Drive:** 3 plays, 25 yards, 1:09. Houston 14, UConn 7. **Houston:** Nathaniel Dell 6 pass from Tune (Witherspoon kick), 1:15. **Drive:** 9 plays, 58 yards, 5:09. Houston 21, UConn 7. **UConn:** McFadden 25 FG, 0:01. **Drive:** 7 plays, 52 yards, 1:11. Houston 21, UConn 10.

Third Quarter
Houston: Dell 13 pass from Tune (Witherspoon kick), 11:08. **Drive:** 5 plays, 47 yards, 3:45. Houston 28, UConn 10. **Houston:** Witherspoon 23 FG, 6:02. **Drive:** 7 plays, 61 yards, 3:36. Houston 31, UConn 10. **Houston:** Jeremy Singleton 34 pass from Tune (Witherspoon kick), 1:26. **Drive:** 3 plays, 55 yards, 1:18. Houston 38, UConn 10.

Fourth Quarter
UConn: Malik Dixon 37 interception return (McFadden kick), 11:30. Houston 38, UConn 17. **Houston:** Chandler Smith 1 run (Witherspoon kick), 3:03. **Drive:** 4 plays, 27 yards, 1:50. Houston 45, UConn 17.

TEAM STATISTICS	H	UC
First downs	21	16
Rushing net yards	149	82
Passing net yards	323	156
Att-Comp-Int	33-23-1	35-21-0
Plays-yards	65-472	67-238
Fumble returns-yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	4-102	6-86
Int returns-yards	0-0	1-37
Punts (number-avg)	3-29.3	8-33.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-43	4-25
Time of possession	31:16	28:44
3rd-down conversions	7-13	5-16
4th down conversions	0-2	1-2
Sacks by: No-Yards	7-37	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS HOUSTON

Rushing	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
McCaskill	9	54	1	31	6.0
Smith	8	38	1	15	4.8
Car	7	31	0	12	4.4
Henry	5	21	0	9	4.2
Tune	2	7	0	4	3.5
Ogbogu	1	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals	32	149	2	31	4.7

Passing	Att	Comp	Int	TD	Yds	YPA	Lg
Tune	30	21	0	4	301	10.1	49
Ogbogu	3	2	1	0	22	7.3	12

Totals	33	23	1	4	323	9.8	49
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Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Herslow	5	111	1	49	22.2
Singleton	5	100	1	42	20.0
Dell	6	62	2	21	10.3
Erwin	2	28	0	16	14.0
Sawyer	1	12	0	12	12.0
Eichenberger	1	10	0	10	10.0
Trahan	1	5	0	5	5.0
McCaskill	1	1	0	1	1.0
Henry	1	-6	0	0	-6.0
Totals	23	323	4	49	14.1

Field goal attempts: Witherspoon, 23, good. **Sacks:** Jones 2, Ceaser 1.5, Ajijolaiya 1, Beadles 1, Hall 0.5, Robinson 0.5, Anderson 0.5.

Tackles (UA-A): Owens (3-4), Hall (3-3), Parish (2-3), Nwanko (1-3), Robinson (2-2), Anderson (0-3), Bell (2-1), Carmouche (1-2), Ceaser (1-2), Hogan (2-1), D. Jones (3-0), Neal (1-2), Nunnery (1-2), Hypolite (2-0), M. Jones (1-1), Stewart (1-1), Williams (1-1), Willis-Dalton (1-1), Ajijolaiya (1-0), Anenih (1-0), Beadles (1-0), Brooks (1-0), Green (1-0), Lewis (1-0), Rogers (1-0), Savannah (0-1), Starks (0-1), Vaughan (1-0), White (1-0).

UConn

Rushing	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Krajewski	8	53	0	18	6.6
Mensah	13	36	0	21	2.8
Carter	3	13	0	9	4.3
Leon	6	-4	0	11	-0.7
Drena	1	-7	0	0	-7.0
Rose	1	-9	0	0	-9.0
Totals	32	82	0	21	2.6

Passing	Att	Comp	Int	TD	Yds	YPA	Lg
Krajewski	19	9	0	1	79	4.2	34
Leon	13	10	0	0	62	4.8	30
Drena	3	2	0	0	13	5.0	13
Totals	35	21	0	1	156	4.5	34

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Clercius	2	64	1	34	32.0
Marion	4	40	0	13	10.0
Rose	6	33	0	15	5.5
Turner	2	7	0	4	3.5
Carter	3	4	0	8	1.3
Gill	1	4	0	4	4.0
Mensah	2	3	0	4	1.5
Brewton	1	1	0	1	1.0
Totals	21	156	1	34	7.5

Field goal attempts: McFadden, 26, blocked; McFadden 25, good.

Sacks: NA. **Tackles (UA-A):** Swenson (6-6), Mitchell (1-8), Dixon (5-3), D. Jones (5-2), Wortham (2-3), Anthony (4-1), Watts (0-5), Fortt (0-4), T. Jones (0-4), K. Jones (0-3), Cross (1-1), Gourdine (0-2), Faumuina-Brown (1-0), McLean (1-0), Chea (0-1), Webb (1-0), Evans (0-1), Moore (0-1), McCarthy (0-1), DeVaughn (1-0).

Stadium: Pratt & Whitney Stadium, East Hartford, Att.: 12,685. Kickoff time: 12:08. End of Game: 3:32. Total elapsed time: 3:23.

Mora

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comes with a 9 a.m. meeting with players Sunday.

“Coach Mora’s the perfect fit for this program right now,” Benedict said. “We are very fortunate that he wanted to be at UConn, and that is something that, beyond all the other things, was the most important, that he wanted to be at UConn, knowing the challenges.”

A few details of UConn’s coaching search were revealed. Mora made the first move in the process, contacting Benedict shortly after Randy Edsall departed to say he wanted the UConn job when it became available. “This was the job that I wanted,” he said, pounding the podium for emphasis, “and there was no doubt or hesitation.”

In addition to Parker Executive Search, Benedict utilized Coaches by the Numbers, an analytics platform that offers objective evaluations. Benedict talked to a large group of candidates that included coordinators, former head coaches, present head coaches, and NFL coaches, mostly in virtual inter-

views. In early November, he traveled to Idaho to spend several days with Mora, and that clinched it. While out there, Benedict waited as Mora finished a letter of recommendation for a former player who had applied to law school, and saw a large journal of coaching decisions Mora had kept, analyzing the ones that didn’t work and why.

Once the hire was made Nov. 11, with Mora signing a five-year memo of understanding worth \$1.5 million the first year, the new coach went to Clemson to watch the team play under interim coach Lou Spanos, then landed in Connecticut and hit the ground running. Mora has been to men’s and women’s basketball games, and other events on campus, joined Gov. Ned Lamont in handing out turkeys for Connecticut Foodshare.

His fiancé, Kathy, his daughter Lilia, wearing a UConn hockey sweater, and sons Cole, Ryder and Trey, joined him at his press conference on Saturday, where Mora began to lay out his vision for a building a relevant program, where Paul Pasqualoni, Bob Diaco and Randy Edsall have failed since the last winning

season in 2010.

“Success takes on many forms,” Mora said. “On the field that means a competitive, respected football team on a national level. It also means our student athletes graduate and in graduating get an education and develop other passions and paths to success off the field. I’m not going to tie us down to a timeline, I’ll just say every single day we’re going to take another step toward being better.”

Mora, however, did point out that the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons were 5-11 in 2003, the year before he took over, and went 11-5, reaching the NFC Championship game in his first season, and that UCLA was 6-7 before he took over in 2011, and went 9-5, reaching the Pac 12 Championship game in his first season there. Mora was eventually let go by the Falcons, Seahawks and UCLA.

“I can promise you this, I’m more impatient than anybody,” Mora said. “In Atlanta and UCLA, we were able to turn it pretty quickly because I’m not a guy that compromises a whole lot. I don’t concede. I’m not going to look at our schedule next year and say, ‘We’re not going to win

this game, we’re not going to win that game.’ ” With the new transfer rules, Mora sees program building as something closer to the NFL, where rosters are constructed through both the draft and free agency. In college, he says, you build with recruiting and supplement with the transfer portal. He stressed, however, recruiting and development will be a key, “we do not want to become a team of mercenaries.”

Mora has made dozens of calls to state high school coaches to help improve the program’s chances of landing in-state talent that has been going elsewhere. He went to high school football games, Hand vs. Guilford and New London vs. NFA over Thanksgiving. UConn is expected to hire former Greenwich High head coach John Marinelli, now at Illinois, for its staff.

“This is the state school and we’re going to build something special,” Mora said. “The players that fit our profile and have the ability, this is where they should dream of coming. When they’re little kids they should grow up passionate about playing for UConn, running around in the streets with

UConn jerseys on. We have to recruit everywhere, but there are good players in this state and we should want them and they should want us.”

One player, defensive back Jeremy Lucien, entered the transfer portal this week. Mora has already had some conversations with individual players who have asked “What’s my future here?” and said he will be honest, “brutally honest” in some cases as the uphill trek begins.

UConn president Andrew Agwunobi, citing Mora’s accomplishments, called him “the right coach at the right time for UConn football.”

“We have a lot of optimism for the future of this program,” said Dan Toscano, president of UConn’s Board of Trustees, “and it’s really important that Connecticut’s flagship have a very competitive program we can all be proud of. This program needs leadership, it needs direction, it needs passion and it needs someone who’s willing to stand up and dare to be great. Coach Mora’s the perfect person.”

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Michigan running back Hassan Haskins (25) leaps over Ohio State defenders for a touchdown Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich. **TONY DING/AP**

MICHIGAN 42, OHIO STATE 27

Up and over

No. 5 Wolverines snap 8-game losing streak to No. 2 Buckeyes

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jim Harbaugh got the win he wanted perhaps as desperately as any coach in sports.

Hassan Haskins matched a school record with five rushing touchdowns and Aidan Hutchinson had three sacks to break a single-season program mark, helping No. 5 Michigan finally beat No. 2 Ohio State 42-27 Saturday to give Harbaugh his first win as a coach against the Buckeyes.

“It feels like the best one,” Harbaugh said.

The Wolverines clinched the Big Ten East and will play in the conference title game next week with playoff hopes in hand after snapping an eight-game losing streak to Ohio State.

“It feels like the beginning,” Harbaugh said.

Michigan (11-1, 8-1 Big Ten) advanced to the conference championship for the first time. The Wolverines now have a chance to win a Big Ten title for the first time since

2004 and a national championship for the first time since 1997.

Harbaugh has been dissed and dismissed as a coach long on hype and short on substance over his first six seasons with his alma mater, but he earned a win that should quiet at least most of his critics.

“I’m so happy to be a part of his first win, and to have a top-five game at home,” Hutchinson said. “He was just so happy.”

Minutes after the game, long-suffering fans filled the Big House turf to celebrate a rare win in the storied series and they were in no rush to leave as music blared.

“Watching the snow fall and the crowd rush onto the field was truly a surreal moment,” said Michigan quarterback Cade McNamara, who was 13 of 19 for 159 yards with an interception.

Ohio State had a school-record winning streak in the rivalry, taking 15 of 16 to turn The Game into its game.

The Buckeyes (10-2, 8-1) blew their chances to continue their dominance with 10 penalties, many before the snap, and because they simply could not stop Michigan’s running game.

“I feel awful,” Ohio State coach Ryan Day said. “I just got done talking to the team, and

when you work this game 365 days out of the year and you come up short, it’s a failure. It hurts. It hurts a lot.”

Harbaugh clearly had his team ready to beat the Buckeyes.

After Harbaugh’s pay was slashed in his new deal last winter in part because of his lack of success against the Buckeyes, he reshaped his coaching staff again and renamed a running-heavy period of practice the “Beat Ohio,” drill for to add another layer of focus on the rivalry.

It seemed to work.

Haskins had 169 yards rushing on 28 carries, scoring a go-ahead touchdown late in the second half and four more after halftime to pad Michigan’s lead.

“It’s an amazing feeling, I want to thank each and every one of my linemen,” Haskins said.

Blake Corum returned from a two-plus game absence to run six times for 87 yards, helping the Wolverines gain a total of 297 yards on a ground against a rival that has pushed them around for much of this century.

“It was dominant,” Harbaugh acknowledged. “There was continual movement up front by the guys.”

NOTES

Bears hang on to topple Red Raiders

Associated Press

Baylor coach Dave Aranda was well aware of the Big 12 ramifications for his eighth-ranked Bears in the outcome of a game later in the evening. In many ways, that didn’t really matter to him.

Blake Shapen threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns in his first start, Abram Smith ran for 117 yards with a score and the Bears held to beat Texas Tech 27-24 on Saturday for their 10th win, which kept alive their hopes of making the Big 12 championship game for the second time in three seasons.

Then came the wait for the Bedlam game between No. 7 Oklahoma State and No. 10 Oklahoma.

“Stuff you can’t control, you can’t control,” said Aranda, instead lauding his team for how it has grown since going 2-7 in his debut last year.

“I think of those things, and so I think in that way we’re a winner,” Aranda said. “All of this stuff is going to be extra.”

Oklahoma State, which beat Baylor 24-14 in October, was already in its first Big 12 title game.

A win by the Cowboys over six-time defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma would put Baylor (10-2, 7-2 Big 12) in next Saturday’s game with them.

“We were fully focused on Texas Tech, and we’re ready for whatever comes next,” linebacker Terrel Bernard said. “We’re excited that we won this game ... and we’ll see what happens.”

Georgia rolls rivals: Stetson Bennett helped No. 1 Georgia finish a perfect regular season, and then shifted his attention to Alabama.

Bennett passed for 255 yards and four touchdowns, including two to tight end Brock Bowers, and No. 1 Georgia overwhelmed Georgia Tech 45-0 on Saturday.

“It’s a big accomplishment,” Bennett said. “Now the real fun starts.”

Georgia (12-0) gained momentum for next week’s much-anticipated Southeastern Conference championship game against No. 3 Alabama in Atlanta.

Wake Forest heads to ACC title game: Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson had no complaints about sharing the screen on his postgame video call.

“Say hello to our new friend,” he said, holding up the ACC’s Atlantic Division trophy after the No. 18 Demon Deacons beat Boston College 41-10 to advance to the conference title game.

“We knew what was at stake. It was as big of a game as we’ve coached and played in,” Clawson said. “We knew what we had to do.”

Sam Hartman threw for three touchdowns and ran for another on Saturday as the Demon Deacons earned the right to play Pittsburgh next weekend for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

UTSA loses perfect season: An undefeated season slipped away from No. 22 UTSA on a rain-soaked Saturday in the Dallas area.

North Texas backs DeAndre Torrey and Ikaika Ragsdale combined for five touchdowns while UTSA quarterback Frank Harris had two turnovers and didn’t play after halftime in the Mean Green’s 45-23 rout of the Roadrunners.

UTSA (11-1, 7-1 Conference USA), which never started with more than five consecutive wins in the program’s first nine FBS seasons, is still hosting the conference championship game Friday.

No. 1 Georgia and fourth-ranked Cincinnati are the remaining undefeated FBS teams.

Ducks will play in Pac-12 title game: Anthony Brown Jr. threw for 275 yards and two touchdowns while running for another score, and No. 11 Oregon beat Oregon State 38-29 on Saturday to win the Pac-12 North Division and claim a spot in the league’s championship game.

The Ducks (10-2, 7-2) will face No. 19 Utah for the conference championship in Las Vegas on Friday.

Oregon was coming off a 38-7 loss last Saturday against the Utes, which dropped them from No. 3 in the College Football Playoff rankings to No. 11 and out of contention for a national title.

Thorne leads MSU by PSU: Payton Thorne threw two touchdown passes and ran for another to lead No. 12 Michigan State to a 30-27 victory over Penn State on Saturday.

Kennett Walker III rushed for 138 yards and a touchdown on 30 carries as the Spartans (10-2, 7-2 Big Ten) bounced back from last week’s 56-7 loss to Ohio State. Michigan State finished undefeated at home for the first time since 2015.

Gophers chop down Badgers: Tanner Morgan overcame an interception that was returned for a first-half touchdown, leading Minnesota on three scoring drives after halftime to surge past No. 14 Wisconsin 23-13, take back Paul Bunyan’s Axe and give Iowa the Big Ten West Division title Saturday.

Morgan, who went 11 for 16 for 199 yards and a third-quarter touchdown pass to Chris Autman-Bell, led the Gophers on the sprint into the end zone to hoist the 73-year-old trophy on their home field for the first time since 2003.

ALABAMA 24, AUBURN 22 4OT

Tide escape Tigers in OT thriller

No. 3 Alabama rallies to win Iron Bowl’s 1st overtime game

By John Zenor
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Pushed to the limits, Alabama delivered plays to celebrate in a stadium that has produced a few devastating ones.

The result was another unforgettable Iron Bowl.

John Metchie caught a scoring pass from Bryce Young in the fourth overtime to give No. 3 Alabama a 24-22 comeback victory over rival Auburn on Saturday, rescuing the Crimson Tide’s national title hopes.

It was the first overtime in the Iron Bowl.

“Wow, what a game,” Tide coach Nick Saban said.

Freshman Kool-Aid McKinstry tipped away T.J. Finley’s pass in the final OT and Young hit Metchie just as he did in the previous one.

Alabama (11-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) moves on to face No. 1 Georgia in the league championship game with its College Football Playoff hopes on the line. The Tigers (6-6, 3-5) dropped their fourth straight game after smothering Young and the Tide’s prolific offense most of the way.

“After halftime, it just seemed like everybody was all in and we were fighting like I’ve never seen us fight all year long,” Saban said. “Our players were as happy as I’ve ever seen them after the game.”

Young capped a 97-yard drive with a



Alabama’s Brian Branch, right, tackles Auburn’s Tank Bigsby on Saturday at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Alabama. **KEVIN C. COX/GETTY**

28-yard touchdown to freshman Ja’Corey Brooks — his fourth catch and first touchdown this season — with 24 seconds left in regulation. Young converted a fourth-and-7 to Jahleel Billingsley, followed by two incompletions under pressure for an offense that had been held in check for 59 minutes.

“It was crazy. It was crazy,” said Young, who passed for 317 yards and two touchdowns with an interception. “When you’re playing in the Iron Bowl, what else are you supposed to expect? Throughout all the

ups and downs, even that last drive, I have so much faith in my guys. My confidence never wavered.”

There were times when it easily could have against an Auburn defense that was yielding little. The Tigers had been trying to win their third straight Iron Bowl at Jordan-Hare Stadium, and fourth in five years. They nearly pulled it off.

“There was a lot of fight from our team,” first-year Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “I’m proud of our guys.”

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Mariners trade for All-Star Frazier



The Mariners' first big move of the offseason was completing a deal Jerry Dipoto tried to make last summer. The Mariners finally landed Adam Frazier on Saturday, acquiring the All-Star second baseman in a trade with the Padres. "We thought we were at the goal line to acquire Adam at trade deadline last year," said Dipoto, Mariners' president of baseball operations. "Obviously we missed out and we stayed in touch with the Padres as we headed into the offseason knowing that they had a pretty robust roster. And we just liked the player so we stuck with it." The move cost the Mariners two minor leaguers, but it addresses one of the team's biggest needs entering the offseason; adding a middle infielder to pair with shortstop J.P. Crawford. Frazier's versatility means the Mariners can still be aggressive with other possible transactions should another middle infielder become available. The Mariners are expected to be active this offseason after it went 90-72 this year and fell just short of its first playoff appearance since 2001.

Killington GS canceled due to wind



A women's World Cup giant slalom was canceled on Saturday, with the poor weather perhaps sparing Mikaela Shiffrin's blushes. The race in Killington, Vermont, marked the return of World Cup skiing to North America for the first time in two years. However, after just nine competitors completed their first runs, the race was suspended amid strong winds and snow. And half an hour later the jury and organizers decided to cancel it. Shiffrin, pictured, was cheered on by a passionate home crowd, but was the slowest of those who managed to race. The two-time Olympic champ was 1.38 seconds behind France's Tessa Worley, who had the fastest run. There is a slalom set for Sunday. Shiffrin has won all four previous World Cup slaloms in Killington, which can be considered a hometown race as she honed her skills nearby at the Burke Mountain Academy as a teenager. Shiffrin can match another record as she has won 45 World Cup slaloms, one short of the record for most wins in a single discipline, set by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark with 46 giant slalom victories in the 1970s and '80s.

Hall of Fame lineman Culp dies at 75

Hall of Fame defensive lineman Curley Culp, who helped the Chiefs win their first Super Bowl during a 14-year NFL career, died Saturday of complications from pancreatic cancer. He was 75. Culp announced this month that he had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. His wife, Collette Bloom Culp, announced "on behalf of our family and with a broken heart" the five-time All-Pro's death. "The entire Pro Football Hall of Fame family mourns the passing of Curley Culp. He was a wonderful man of great integrity who respected the game of football and how it applied to everyday life," Hall of Fame President Jim Porter said. "Curley's humility and grace were always apparent." Culp was considered one of the strongest players in the NFL during his playing career, though his position on the interior of the defensive line meant his play often went unnoticed. He was chosen to participate in six Pro Bowls, and he was second to Steelers cornerback Mel Blount for AP Defensive Player of the Year after the 1975 season. It wasn't until long after his playing days — Culp retired in 1981 — that he was finally inducted into the Hall of Fame. After his enshrinement in 2013, Culp proudly wore the golden jacket of a Hall of Famer seemingly everywhere. —AP



Browns offensive tackle Jack Conklin (78) returned earlier than expected this week from a brutal arm injury. KIRK IRWIN/AP

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Browns RT Conklin returns early from grisly arm injury

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

Browns right tackle Jack Conklin vividly remembers the scary moment when he wondered and worried his season might be over. Something was noticeably out of place. "When you're on the ground and your arm is facing the opposite direction, it's a little nerve-wracking," he said Friday. Well, Conklin's left arm is back in its proper position, and Cleveland's topsyturvy season is suddenly looking more on course after much turbulence. The two-time Pro Bowler returned from a dislocated elbow sooner than expected. Conklin will be activated from injured reserve and play Sunday night when the Browns (6-5), who are as healthy as they've been all season, play the first of two games in three weeks against the AFC North-leading Ravens (7-3). Conklin's impressive comeback coincides with one by dual-threat running back Kareem Hunt, who missed Cleveland's past five games with a calf injury, a loss that crippled the Browns' running and passing games. Conklin still isn't sure exactly what happened on Oct. 31, when he went to

brace himself from hitting the ground early in a game against Pittsburgh and got kicked. His elbow "just popped out" and as the medical team summoned the cart to take him from the field, Conklin, who would walk off himself, began to fear the worst. "Definitely was worried about it and luckily it wasn't a season-ending injury or anything like that," Conklin said following Friday's practice. "Never want to get hurt and be out, but happy it was short term and able to get back out here." The Browns weren't sure when they'd see him again, but he returned to practice Wednesday and offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt hasn't detected any rust. "Jack looked like he has not missed a beat," Van Pelt said. The Browns, on the other hand, were not in rhythm without the versatile Conklin, regarded as one of the NFL's top right tackles. His replacement, Blake Hance, struggled on the outside, and Cleveland's high-powered running game was missing a key ingredient. Conklin, who missed the minimum three games on IR, will play with a hinged brace on his left arm going forward. "I'm used to it. The way they make this stuff now, it's pretty comfortable," Conklin said. "It's not slowing me down. It's just there to help protect it. I think I could even play without it if I wanted to, but I want to keep it on, just

to keep it safe." As if there was any doubt about his toughness, Conklin practiced Friday in shorts and went sleeveless despite temperatures in the low 30s and snow falling. "I try to wear the same thing from the first day of camp until the end of the season, and I'm from Michigan, so I'm used to this," he said. Conklin's teammates weren't that surprised to see him bounce back from a serious injury so quickly. "Nah, the kid's tough," said star defensive end Myles Garrett. "I shouldn't call him a kid, he's older than me. But when he was out here with no sleeves on, he had shorts on, he doesn't care. "If there's not something torn or completely snapped off the bone, he's coming out here and practicing as hard as he can." Conklin doesn't expect to need surgery following the season. After dealing with numerous injuries, the Browns are close to being at full strength at just the right time. Conklin didn't downplay the importance of Sunday's matchup, which could go a long way to determining a division winner. "This is where everybody's packed together, especially this year, and if you can win games in December and November and stuff, then you're going to put yourself in a good position to make the playoffs," he said. "That's all we can hope for right now and that's all we can focus on."

NFL PREDICTIONS

Week 12

By Sam Farmer | Los Angeles Times

Last week's record: 7-8. Season: 100-64-1.



Steelers (5-4-1) at Bengals (6-4)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Bengals by 3 1/2. O/U: 44 1/2. Steelers staged an impressive rally but fell short against the Chargers and are still hurting on defense. In their pounding of the Raiders, the Bengals appeared to have figured out something. **Bengals 27, Steelers 23**



Jets (2-8) at Texans (2-8)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Texans by 2 1/2. O/U: 44 1/2. The Texans are coming off a shocking win over Tennessee, and Tyrod Taylor makes them better. Rookie Zach Wilson makes his return as starting quarterback for the Jets, but is that a good thing? **Texans 23, Jets 13**



Titans (8-3) at Patriots (7-4)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Patriots by 7. O/U: 43 1/2. We're seeing how much Tennessee misses Derrick Henry, and the Titans need a banged-up A.J. Brown on the field. New England is playing as well as anybody in the league and it's at home this week. **Patriots 23, Titans 21**



Falcons (4-6) at Jaguars (2-8)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Falcons by 2. O/U: 45 1/2. The Jaguars beat Buffalo, they've been in a bunch of games, then got stomped by the 49ers last Sunday. Atlanta has been outscored the last two games 68-3. Jacksonville holds on at home. **Jaguars 21, Falcons 17**



Buccaneers (7-3) at Colts (6-5)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Buccaneers by 3 1/2. O/U: 53. Could be the game of the week. The Colts' Jonathan Taylor is coming off a five-touchdown game in which he ran the ball 32 times. Maybe he's a little more tired versus a team getting Vita Ve a back. **Buccaneers 28, Colts 24**



Panthers (5-6) at Dolphins (4-7)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Panthers by 2. O/U: 41 1/2. Everybody is making a big deal about Cam Newton's return, but there's a reason he was jobless for the first 10 weeks. He's a liability as a passer. Carolina does have a talented defense, though. **Dolphins 27, Panthers 23**



Eagles (5-6) at Giants (3-7)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Eagles by 3 1/2. O/U: 45 1/2. The Eagles ran for 242 yards against New Orleans, which had the No. 1 rush defense. That figures to present problems for the Giants, who haven't faced a lot of dual-threat quarterbacks lately. **Eagles 24, Giants 20**



Chargers (6-4) at Broncos (5-5)
Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Line: Chargers by 2 1/2. O/U: 47. The Chargers did a good job stopping Najee Harris, but Pittsburgh's offensive line isn't very good. The Broncos are going to try to run, and they're healthier after a week off. Tough divisional matchup. **Broncos 28, Chargers 24**



Rams (7-3) at Packers (8-3)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: Rams by 2. O/U: 47. Despite impressive records, there's a hint of desperation in air for both. The Rams have had a week off to regroup. Hard to pick against Aaron Rodgers at home and Rams struggle against the run. **Rams 31, Packers 27**



Vikings (5-5) at 49 ers (5-5)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: 49ers by 3. O/U: 49. Minnesota has rounded into one of the better teams in the NFC, as long as it can get in the habit of finishing strong. San Francisco's secondary could have a problem with those Minnesota receivers. **Vikings 27, 49ers 23**



Browns (6-5) at Ravens (7-3)
Sunday, 8:20 p.m. Line: Ravens by 3 1/2. O/U: 47. Cleveland is banged up and missing the mojo it had last year. Baltimore is significantly better. Of course, anything can happen in division games. This could be a big game for Lamar Jackson. **Ravens 31, Browns 20**



Seahawks (3-7) at Washington (4-6)
Monday, 8:15 p.m. Line: Seahawks by 1. O/U: 46 1/2. Seattle is really struggling and can usually rely on start quarterback Russell Wilson to make up for any and all roster deficiencies, but his injured finger has taken a clear toll on his play under center. Washington has quietly started getting it together. **Washington 24, Seahawks 20**

Open: Chiefs, Cardinals
Thanksgiving Day results: Bears 16, Lions 14; Raiders 36, Cowboys 33 (OT); Bills 31, Saints 6

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GIANTS COMMENTARY

Judge is running out of people to blame, so he must get the job done

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — The Giants, who have won 23 of the 74 games they’ve played since the last time they had a winning record, have now decided that the only way to get things going in the right direction again is to fire their offensive coordinator.

It reminds you of the old days at Yankee Stadium, when George Steinbrenner would fire a pitching coach. But this isn’t about Jason Garrett.

From now until the end of the regular season, this is about the head coach, who loses his cover now. He is the one who owns everything that happens on offense for the Giants the rest of the way, good or bad. Judge needs to put some points on the board as much as Daniel Jones does.

Maybe on Sunday the Giants can put it on the Eagles, one of the teams ahead of them in the NFC East, the way the Bucs put it on the Giants on Monday night, before Garrett officially went under the team bus the next day.

Somehow we’re always being told that the Giants, no matter what their losing record is at a particular moment, are about to make a big move, and postseason here they come. They have gotten rolled by the Bucs and Rams and Cowboys, three of the best teams in their conference this season. Maybe they can start to do that against the 5-6 Eagles.

They go up against Jalen Hurts, who has thrown 13 touchdown passes so far and run for eight more. They do that with Jones, who has thrown nine touchdown passes in 10 games.

Maybe this is the day he has a 300-yard passing game, something just about everybody in the league can manage. Maybe this is the day the Giants can get past 30 points.



Giants coach Joe Judge reacts to a call during the second half of a game against the Chiefs on Nov. 1 in Kansas City, Missouri. **CHARLIE RIEDEL / AP**

Maybe this is the day when Jones does what star quarterbacks are supposed to do in the NFL, which means take his team down the field at the end to win the game. Maybe that will show Giants fans that firing Garrett can be the kind of dramatic, game-changing play that the Giants hardly ever make on offense. Maybe it *will* turn things around.

No one would suggest that it will do for this Giants team what Jim Fassel’s playoff guarantee in 2000 did, when the Giants did make a big move that took them all the way to the Super Bowl. But maybe it will throw a charge on them and into MetLife Stadium.

“Ultimately, I’ll make every decision based on what’s best for the team long term,” Judge said the other day in explaining himself a lot better than he did Monday night. “I feel we have to be more productive as an offense. Generally speaking, the offense’s job is to score points.

“I don’t believe we’re scoring enough points. It’s my job as the head coach to make sure I give our players an opportunity to go out there and make plays.”

Did Judge have a right to make this move? Of course he did. Does Garrett have a right to wonder how differently this all might have gone with a real offensive line and more playmakers and Saquon Barkley still looking like the player he was as a rookie? Boy, does he ever.

But weaponizing the offense is on Judge going forward, the former special teams coach for the Patriots who has such immense power with the Giants these days. Because it is the same now with him as it is for all coaches in sports who portray their players as underachievers.

At some point you take a step back and ask this question: Who exactly is coaching this under-achieving team?

Here is another question: If Joe Judge, who we were supposed to

believe is the next Bill Belichick, was so upset about what he was seeing from Garrett and with Jones and the Giants offense, why didn’t he take control of it sooner? What law was passed that he couldn’t go to Garrett and say he wanted him to take a different approach.

It might be because he doesn’t know what the different approach should be. Maybe he’ll know it if he sees it, starting as early as Sunday.

There was a reason Bill Parcells wanted his old offensive coordinator, Ron Erhardt, right there on the sideline. Because you know what he’d do sometimes? Parcells would walk over to Erhardt and say, “Run the ball.”

Judge’s record as the Giants’ head coach is now 9-17. But always we’re supposed to believe the blame should go everywhere else: Daniel Jones, Dave Gettleman, the offensive line, lack of talent on both sides of the ball and, finally, Jason Garrett.

Giants, Eagles’ rivalry starts off the field

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Philadelphia Eagles beat the Giants eight straight times between 2016 and 2020, then tanked their 2020 regular-season finale and kept the Giants out of the playoffs.

The one-sided rivalry needed no more gasoline on the fire, but Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and GM Howie Roseman wanted more. So they took more from the Giants in April’s NFL Draft.

With the Dallas Cowboys on the clock at No. 10, the Giants sitting at No. 11, and the Eagles at No. 12, Alabama wide receiver DeVonta Smith was just within the Giants’ grasp.

But the Eagles colluded with the Cowboys on a rare inter-NFC East draft day deal to leapfrog the Giants and steal the smooth Smith.

“The rivalry — we’ve talked about the rivalry,” Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said this week. “We were doing whatever we needed to do to get to the player that we really coveted in that draft. That was DeVonta Smith. I’m sure glad we have him.”

The Giants pivoted, trading back to No. 20 with the Chicago Bears to acquire another 2022 first-round pick and land Florida receiver Kadarius Toney.

Still, defensive coordinator Pat Graham’s reaction to facing Smith twice a year said it all: the Giants wanted him, and now they have to try to stop him.

“He’s tough, he’s physical and his



Eagles wide receiver DeVonta Smith celebrates his touchdown against the Broncos on Nov. 14 in Denver. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI / AP**

receiving skills are up there with anybody in the league that we’ve seen so far,” Graham said Friday. “Unfortunately we’re going to have to deal with him for whatever many years on his contract in this division.”

The reality is the modern Giants-Eagles rivalry extends well beyond the game played at MetLife Stadium on Sunday. It is living just as fiercely in an offseason roster-building competition that Roseman and the Eagles are winning hands down, time and again.

The Giants’ and Eagles’ player acquisition war could reach a crescendo next spring, as well, if both teams pursue a new franchise quarterback.

The Giants hold two first-round picks in the 2022 draft: their own (at No. 5 right now) and the Bears’ (No. 8). The Eagles hold three: the Dolphins’ (No. 7), their own (No. 11) and the Colts’ (No. 15).

Whether they’re competing to trade for veteran quarterbacks or looking to draft one, these bitter rivals will be at each other’s necks again come April, vying for supremacy that translates to the turf.

Roseman, the Eagles’ GM, has made his share of mistakes and isn’t perfect, but look how quickly he has retooled his team into a higher-scoring, competitive club compared to the Giants’ annual malaise.

Joe Judge used the words “talent” or “talented” six times in one answer on Friday to describe the Eagles’ offensive line, a dominant front five that represents the polar opposite of GM Dave Gettleman’s results through four seasons in East Rutherford.

The Eagles’ defense also ranks first in pass rush win rate (54%) while the Giants’ defense is dead last (29%), per ESPN Stats & Info.

“You look at this roster up there, they’ve really assembled a lot of talent on that roster, and we talk about the success they’re having,” Judge said. “Look, I wouldn’t expect a team with that much talent to have anything but success.”

Then there is Smith, the so-called “Slim Reaper,” who has rattled off 46 catches for 664 yards and four TDs so far, compared to Toney’s 35 catches for 392 yards and zero TDs.

“He’s crafty, he’s athletic,” Giants corner James Bradberry said. “He runs very good routes. He’s just a savvy guy for a young guy in this league. He has some smoothness to him.”

The Eagles have found success going run heavy on offense to play

to their strengths, with a dual threat quarterback in Jalen Hurts and the second best run-blocking offensive line in football (75% win rate).

But Smith is gaining steam as a downfield threat, with three TDs in his last three games and yards per catch of 18.4 the last four weeks.

“I think everybody is happy with the direction that the offense is going in,” Smith said Wednesday. “As long as we’re winning games, that’s all that everyone cares about. When your number is called, everybody is ready to make a play.”

Judge on Friday shrugged off the Eagles’ draft day trade for Smith as something the Giants had seen coming. “We had a pretty good idea they were going to do that,” he said.

Eagles (5-6) at Giants (3-7)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., Fox
Series record: Eagles lead 88-86-2.
Last meeting: Giants beat Eagles 27-17 on Nov. 15, 2020, at East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Last week: Eagles beat Saints 40-29; Giants lost to Buccaneers 30-10.
Eagles player to watch: TE Dallas Goedert had five catches for 62 yards against the Saints, including three for first downs on third downs.
Giants player to watch: DL Leonard Williams has stepped up every time the line has had a bad game.
Key matchup: New York’s defensive line against Eagles’ multi-pronged rushing attack.

— Associated Press

Patriots

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Football” showdown at Buffalo, which also sits at 7-4 following a win Thursday over the Saints.

The Patriots will finally have their bye in Week 14 after the Bills game, then come back for two more crucial games — a Saturday night tilt against the 6-5 Colts, who are the NFL’s second-hottest team, and a rematch with the Bills in Week 16 at Gillette Stadium.

These four games will determine the Patriots’ season. If they can survive this gauntlet, their reward is a home game against the Jaguars and a road game at the Dolphins to end the regular season.

“I think all year we talk about getting better, being better as the season goes on — and you’re there now,” safety Devin McCourty said. “Once you get to this point, it’s too late to fix some things [if] you don’t handle them right now.

“I think the key for us is just like we’ve been saying: We’ve been playing good football for a reason. Don’t let that change because of anything going on outside the building.”

With the AFC standings tighter than skinny jeans after Thanksgiving, every scenario is still in play for the Patriots.

If they keep winning, they will have a good shot at the AFC’s No. 1 seed, which comes with home-field advantage and the only first-round bye. Even if they don’t get the No. 1 seed, the Patriots can still win the AFC East and grab one of the top four seeds.

They could also slip to a wild-card spot and probably have to play every postseason game on the road. Or they could fall out of the playoff race completely and watch the postseason on TV. The AFC has 11 teams at 6-5 or better, and a late-season collapse can easily cost the Patriots one of the seven playoff spots.

If the Patriots want to earn the No. 1 seed, then Sunday’s game against the Titans is a must-win. The website FiveThirtyEight has the Patriots with a 13 percent chance to get the top seed (accounting for the 7-3 Ravens, who are in the No. 2 spot). A win over the Titans increases the Patriots’ chances to 20 percent, since they would have the head-to-head tiebreaker. A loss to the Titans would drop the Patriots to 1 percent, since it would put them two games behind the Titans, plus a head-to-head loss.

The Titans are lost on offense right now after losing Derrick Henry to injury, and are coming off a stunning loss to the Texans. But the Patriots aren’t underestimating them.

“Toughest challenge of the year so far,” McCourty said. “They’re going to be fired up to get back to playing the type of football they want to play. We’ve been there before, so we know the type of animal that’s going to be coming in here Sunday.”

Titans (8-3) at Patriots (7-4)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS
Series record: Patriots lead 25-18-1.
Last meeting: Titans beat Patriots 20-13 in AFC wild-card game on Jan. 4, 2020 in Foxborough, Massachusetts.
Last week: Titans lost to Texans 22-13; Patriots beat Falcons 25-0.
Titans player to watch: QB Ryan Tannehill. He’s coming off the first four-interception game of his career and his 12 interceptions are worst in the NFL.
Patriots player to watch: S Kyle Dugger. He leads the Patriots with 66 tackles (52 unassisted) to go along with three interceptions.
Key matchup: Titans’ defense against rookie QB Mac Jones.
Game notes: The Titans are 4-1 on the road this season and 13-3 over their last 16 road games. ... The Patriots (5-1) and Titans (5-2) have the best conference records in the AFC. ... Tannehill threw for 323 yards last week and needs 319 yards passing for his sixth career 3,000-yard season. ... The Patriots lead the NFL with a plus-123 point differential in 2021. Buffalo is second with plus-119 point differential. ... Jones has completed over 70% of his passes in seven of his first 11 NFL games. The rookie record is nine games by Dak Prescott. The NFL record is 13 games by Drew Brees in 2017. ... Jones leads all rookie quarterbacks in passing yards (2,540), completions (245), completion percentage (70.2) and touchdown passes (14). Only three rookie quarterbacks have ever passed for at least 4,000 yards.

— Associated Press

Wilson returns as Jets look to end skid

By Associated Press

HOUSTON — Out the last four weeks with a knee injury, quarterback Zach Wilson used the time it took to recover to study everything the New York Jets were doing in hopes of improving when he returned.

Now that the rookie is healthy, he’s ready to use those lessons Sunday against the Houston Texans when the Jets try to snap a three-game skid.

“Every rep that they went through, I was able to learn from and apply it to my game,” Wilson said. “I just feel like it’s going to help me going forward.”

The game is a meeting of two of the worst teams in the league with both the Jets and Texans having won just twice this season.

Wilson, the second overall pick in the draft, has struggled in six starts this season, throwing nine interceptions with just four touchdown passes. Despite those numbers, the Jets believe he was making progress before spraining a knee ligament on Oct. 24, and believe he’ll build on that Sunday.

“It’s just continue getting comfortable earlier in the game and let his athleticism take over and his arm talent take over, because he is a talented young man,” Jets coach Robert Saleh said. “Just step up, get better and take it one play at a time.”

Houston defensive coordinator Lovie Smith said his defense doesn’t change much according to who’s at quarterback. The film of Wilson from earlier this season will help them prepare for his

return Sunday.

“He’s an athletic guy that can make any throw,” Smith said. “When you’re playing a guy like that, there are certain things that you have to do. We set our defense up for athletic quarterbacks, so hopefully we’ll be able to shut down them down.”

Jets (2-8) at Texans (2-8)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS
Series record: Jets lead 5-3.
Last meeting: Texans beat Jets 29-22 on Dec. 15, 2018 in East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Last week: Jets lost to Dolphins 24-17; Texans beat Titans 22-13.
Jets player to watch: WR Elijah Moore. The second-round draft

pick has been a big-time playmaker lately.
Texans player to watch: QB Tyrod Taylor.
Key matchup: Jets rookie QB Zach Wilson returns after missing the last four games.
Game notes: In the four games without Wilson, the Jets have averaged an NFL-leading 346.5 yards passing behind White, Flacco and Johnson. New York also has the most TD passes (10) and first downs on passes (74) in that span. ... Moore had eight catches last Sunday against the Dolphins for 141 yards, the most by a Jets rookie since Rob Moore had 175 at New England in 1990. ... Former UConn TE Ryan Griffin has 18 catches, already double the number he had last season in 15 games.

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WEATHER

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

TUESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

WEDNESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

THURSDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Variable clouds, a rain or snow shower is possible late. Snow and rain showers are possible at night.

HIGH 40°
LOW 29°

Chance for a snow or rain shower early. Mixed clouds and sunshine, breezy.

HIGH 39°
LOW 22°

Partly sunny and cool.

HIGH 42°
LOW 27°

Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable.

HIGH 46°
LOW 29°

Variable cloudiness and breezy, chance for a few showers.

HIGH 49°
LOW 35°

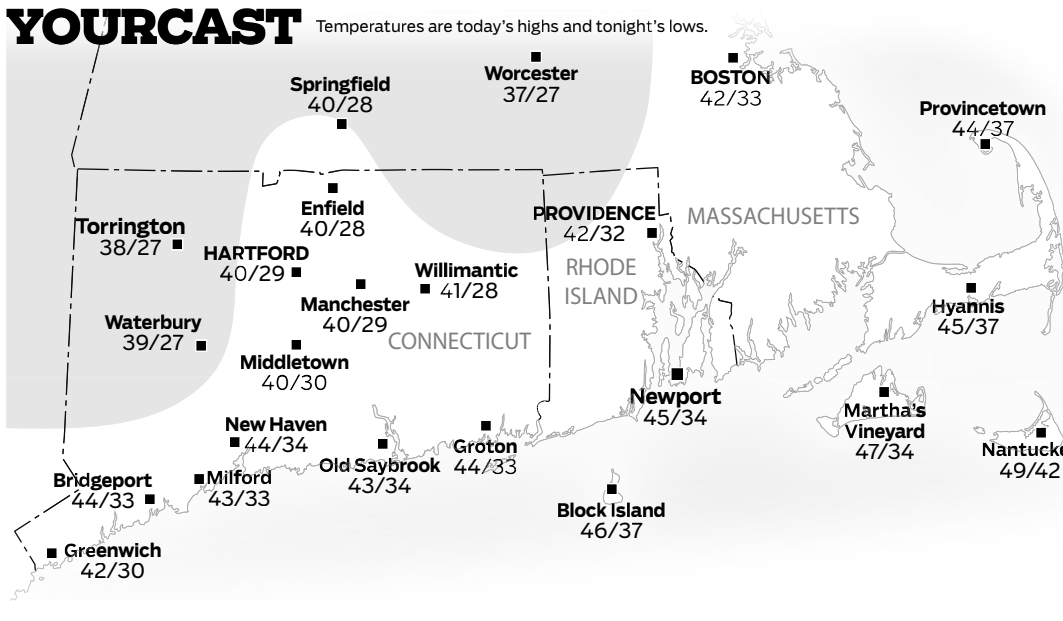
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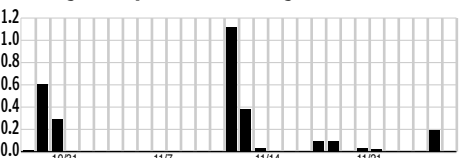
While most of the state just received rain Friday afternoon and night, some of the higher elevations had measurable snow. There were 3 inches in Staffordville and Union, 2.3 inches in Eastford, 1.6 inches in Willington, 1.2 inches in Canaan, and 1 inch in Warren and Tolland. A weak frontal system crossing the eastern Great Lakes on Sunday will bring another chance for light snow or snow showers in portions of Connecticut tonight and Monday morning. Temperatures will be very cool today with highs in the upper 30s to the mid-40s, then tonight's lows will be in the mid-20s to the mid-30s.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	1.95 3.11
Total this year	51.99 42.57
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks	

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 25

Air Quality Today

Low 1

Ultraviolet Index Today

20°

Wind Chill Today

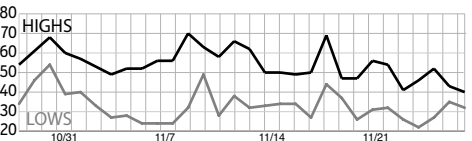
	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.	6:56 a.m.
Sunset	4:22 p.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moonrise	a.m.	1:01 a.m.
Moonset	1:24 p.m.	1:48 p.m.

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	4:04 a.m.	10:12 a.m.	51°
Saybrook Jetty	5:15 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	50°
Connecticut River at Portland	5:23 p.m.	11:32 p.m.	
Madison	8:06 p.m.	2:51 p.m.	
New Haven	5:12 a.m.	11:19 a.m.	50°
Stamford	5:31 p.m.	11:44 p.m.	
	5:51 p.m.		49°
	5:36 a.m.	11:57 a.m.	51°
	5:55 p.m.		
River Stage at Hartford: 3.65 feet at 6:30 p.m.			
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W VCloudy	L.I. Sound E VCloudy	B.I. Sound VCloudy
Wind	W/N, 5-10	W/N, 5-15	W, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	40 at 12:53 p.m.	32 at 7:31 p.m.
Normal for date	47	30
Record for date	67 in 2015	10 in 1932
A year ago	56	37
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Nov 27	876	1083	933

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.88 at 7 p.m.	29.55 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	25° at 12 a.m.	11° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	34 16 PC
Burlington	32 18 PC
Caribou	31 12 PC
Concord	37 25 PC
Montpelier	29 17 PC
Mt. Wash.	14 9 PC
Portland	38 27 PC
Woods Hole	42 34 C

NATION

Albany	36 26 PC
Albuquerque	61 35 S
Atlantic City	54 32 PC

Baltimore

Baltimore	51 33 PC
Bismarck	42 32 C
Boise	54 30 PC
Buffalo	37 26 SN
Charleston	68 42 PC
Cincinnati	43 25 PC
Cleveland	38 29 SF
Indianapolis	43 23 PC
Jacksonville	62 42 C
Las Vegas	74 49 S
Miami Beach	76 63 S
Milwaukee	38 23 PC

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

Nashville

Nashville	54 29 PC
New Orleans	60 46 SH
New York	45 35 C
Okla. City	60 39 S
Omaha	51 35 PC
Orlando	70 47 PC
Pittsburgh	40 29 C
Raleigh	61 36 S
St. Louis	50 31 S
Salt Lake City	54 35 PC
San Antonio	69 48 PC
San Diego	72 51 PC

San Juan

San Juan	85 75 PC
Tucson	78 48 S
Buenos Aires	81 66 SH
Cairo	87 66 S
Cancun	82 67 PC
Dubai	86 75 SH
Dublin	39 38 PC
Edinburgh	38 29 S
Helsinki	23 21 C
Hong Kong	75 68 PC
Istanbul	64 59 SH
Jerusalem	77 59 PC
Johannesburg	72 57 T

WORLD

Amsterdam	41 30 SH
Athens	70 55 SH
Bangkok	90 73 SH
Barbados	85 74 PC
Beijing	50 36 C
Beirut	79 65 PC
Berlin	37 32 C
Bermuda	71 65 PC

Budapest

Budapest	49 35 SH
Madrid	46 43 S
Mexico City	73 51 S
Milan	48 36 R
Montreal	27 18 S
Moscow	39 34 R
Nassau	79 64 PC
New Delhi	81 55 PC
Paris	43 34 SH
Prague	36 28 SF
Rio de Janeiro	81 72 C
Rome	55 39 R
Seoul	52 34 S
Singapore	93 77 SH

Kingston

Kingston	90 73 PC
Lisbon	57 50 PC
London	39 34 S
Madrid	46 43 S
Mexico City	73 51 S
Milan	48 36 R
Montreal	27 18 S
Moscow	39 34 R
Nassau	79 64 PC
New Delhi	81 55 PC
Paris	43 34 SH
Prague	36 28 SF
Rio de Janeiro	81 72 C
Rome	55 39 R
Seoul	52 34 S
Singapore	93 77 SH

Stockholm

Stockholm	32 22 PC
Sydney	72 59 SH
Tel Aviv	79 53 S
Tokyo	57 39 S
Toronto	36 25 SN
Vancouver	50 48 R
Warsaw	39 34 SH

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Gavin Sherry of Conard sprints for the finish in the State Open cross country meet on Nov. 5. Sherry won the Eastbay Northeast Regional cross country meet Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx in a record time of 15:05. MARK MIRKO/THE HARTFORD COURANT



CROSS COUNTRY

Sherry breaks Cabral's record at Eastbay Northeast championships

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Conard senior Gavin Sherry broke Donn Cabral's record at the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) Northeast cross country championship at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx Saturday morning.

Sherry, the State Open and New England champion who is headed to Stanford next year, won the 5,000-meter race in 15:05.8. Cabral, who ran at Glastonbury High, won the race in 2007 with a time of 15:09.

Manchester senior Aidan Puffer was sixth (15:26.6), East Lyme's Luke Anthony

was eighth (15:28.3) and Newington's Michael Bohlke finished 10th (15:36.7).

The top 10 runners qualified to run in the national championship Dec. 11 in San Diego.

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SKIING

Killington World Cup race canceled due to wind with Shiffrin in last

By Associated Press

KILLINGTON, Vt. — A women's World Cup giant slalom was canceled on Saturday, with the poor weather perhaps sparing Mikaela Shiffrin's blushes. The race in Killington, Vermont, marked the return of World Cup skiing to North America for the first time in two years.

However, after just nine competitors completed their first runs, the race was suspended amid strong winds and snow. And half an hour later the jury and organizers decided to cancel it.

Shiffrin, who was cheered on by a passionate home crowd, was the slowest of the skiers who managed to race — the two-time Olympic champion was 1.38 seconds behind France's Tessa Worley, who had the fastest run.

There is a slalom scheduled for Sunday. Shiffrin has won all four previous World Cup slaloms in Kill-



United State's Mikaela Shiffrin competes during a women's World Cup giant slalom ski race on Saturday in Killington, Vt. ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP

ington, which can almost be considered a hometown race as she honed her skills nearby at the Burke Mountain Academy as a teenager.

Shiffrin can match yet another record as she has won 45 World Cup slaloms, leaving her one short of the record for most wins in a single discipline, set by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark with 46 giant

slalom victories in the 1970s and '80s.

Shiffrin won the season-opening giant slalom in Sölden, Austria, but finished second to Petra Vlhova — her biggest rival — in both slalom races in Levi, Finland, last week.

Shiffrin and Vlhova share the lead in the overall World Cup standings on 260 points...

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

FOOTBALL

Class LL—Quarterfinals
No. 8Greenwich (7-3) vs. No. 1Fairfield Prep (9-1) at Fairfield University, 6:30 p.m.
No. 5Shelton (8-2) at No. 4Hall (9-1), 6:30p.m.
No. 7Southington (8-2) at No. 2New Canaan (9-1), 6:30p.m.
No. 6Hamden (8-2) at No. 3Darlen (9-1), 6:30p.m.
Class L—Quarterfinals
No. 8Hand (7-3) vs. No. 1St. Joseph (9-1) at Kennedy Stadium, Bridgeport, 6:30p.m.
No. 5Windor (9-1) at No. 4Cheney Tech (9-1), 6:30p.m.
No. 7Masuk (8-2) at No. 2Naugatuck (9-1), 6:30p.m.
No. 6Bristol Central (9-1) vs. No. 3Maloney (9-1) at Falcon Field, Meriden, 6:30p.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
No. 8Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic (6-2) at No. 1Killingly, 6:30p.m.
No. 5Brantford (8-2) at No. 4Avon (7-2), 6:30p.m.
No. 7Ellington (7-3) at No. 2Rockville (8-2), 6:30p.m.
No. 6Torrington (7-3) vs. No. 3Granby/Canton (7-3) at Granby HS, 6:30p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
No. 8Morgan (8-2) at No. 1Bloomfield (10-0), 6:30p.m.
No. 5New Fairfield (8-2) vs. No. 4Holy Cross (8-2) at Municipal Stadium,

Waterbury, 6:30p.m.
No. 7Notre Dame-Fairfield (7-2) vs. No. 2Cromwell/Portland (10-0) at Pierson Park, Cromwell, 6:30p.m.
No. 6Seymour (8-2) vs. No. 3Ansonia (9-1) at Nolan Field, Ansonia, 6:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON AT UCONN, LATE
FCS Playoffs—First Round
SACRED HEART AT HOLY CROSS, LATE
MEN'S HOCKEY
SALVE REGINA AT TRINITY, LATE
ADRIAN AT WESLEYAN, LATE
COLGATE AT UCONN, LATE
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
TRINITY AT UNE, LATE
POST AT WESLEYAN, LATE
Nutmeg Classic (Storrs)
YALE VS. SACRED HEART, LATE
QUINNIPAC VS. UCONN, LATE

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fordham at Central, 1p.m.
Trinity at St. Joseph, 1p.m.
Stony Brook at Yale, 1p.m.
Wesleyan at Drew, 2p.m.
Loyola-Maryland at Fairfield, 2p.m.
Brown at Quinnipiac, 4p.m.
Conn. College at Eastern, 5p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hartford at Quinnipiac, 1p.m.

RIC at Wesleyan, 2p.m.
Trinity at Smith, 3p.m.
Conn. College at Eastern, 3p.m.
Yale at Fairfield, 4:30p.m.
MEN'S HOCKEY
Adrian at Trinity, 1p.m.
Salve Regina at Wesleyan, 1p.m.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Salem State at Trinity, 6p.m.
Salve Regina at Wesleyan, 6p.m.
AHL Standings
Atlantic; GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Springfield: 17; 13; 2; 0; 28; .824
Hartford: 16; 11; 3; 2; 0; 24; .750
Hershey: 16; 8; 5; 2; 1; 19; .594
Providence: 15; 6; 5; 3; 1; 16; .533
Charlotte: 17; 8; 7; 2; 0; 18; .529
W-B/Scranton: 17; 8; 7; 0; 2; 18; .529
Rochester: 18; 5; 10; 1; 2; 13; .361
Lehigh Valley: 16; 8; 4; 1; 11; .344
North; GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Utica: 14; 13; 1; 0; 26; .929
Cleveland: 15; 8; 3; 1; 3; 20; .667
Toronto: 14; 8; 4; 1; 1; 18; .643
Chicago: 14; 8; 4; 1; 1; 18; .640
Rochester: 15; 9; 6; 0; 18; .600
Laval: 15; 7; 7; 1; 0; 15; .500
Belleville: 15; 7; 8; 0; 14; .467
Syracuse: 15; 5; 7; 2; 1; 13; .433
Central; GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Iowa: 13; 8; 4; 1; 0; 17; .654
Chicago: 14; 8; 4; 1; 1; 18; .643
Manitoba: 16; 9; 6; 1; 0; 19; .594
Grand Rapids: 15; 7; 5; 2; 1; 17; .567
Texas: 14; 6; 6; 1; 1; 14; .500
Rockford: 12; 5; 6; 1; 0; 11; .458
Milwaukee: 15; 4; 1; 0; 9; .300
Pacific; GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Stockton: 13; 10; 1; 2; 0; 22; .846
Ontario: 14; 11; 2; 0; 1; 23; .821
Henderson: 14; 7; 5; 1; 1; 16; .571
Bakersfield: 13; 6; 5; 1; 1; 14; .538

San Diego: 13; 6; 6; 1; 0; 13; .500
Abbotsford: 11; 4; 2; 1; 11; .500
Colorado: 15; 6; 7; 0; 2; 14; .467
Tucson: 12; 5; 6; 1; 0; 11; .458
San Jose: 13; 5; 7; 1; 0; 11; .423

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

BAKERSFIELD AT ONTARIO, PPD.
SPRINGFIELD AT HARTFORD, LATE
PROVIDENCE AT BRIDGEPORT, LATE
LEHIGH VALLEY AT SYRACUSE, LATE
TORONTO AT CLEVELAND, LATE
BELLEVILLE AT LAVAL, LATE
CHICAGO AT GRAND RAPIDS, LATE
HERSHEY AT ROCHESTER, LATE
MILWAUKEE AT ROCKFORD, LATE
SAN JOSE AT SAN DIEGO, LATE
ABBOTSFORD AT TUCSON, LATE
STOCKTON AT COLORADO, LATE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

HARTFORD AT SPRINGFIELD, LATE
TEXAS AT MANITOBA, LATE
IOWA AT HENDERSON, LATE
CLEVELAND AT TORONTO, LATE
STOCKTON AT COLORADO, LATE
UTICA AT CHARLOTTE, LATE
PROVIDENCE AT W-B/SCRANTON, LATE
BRIDGEPORT AT LEHIGH VALLEY, LATE
ROCHESTER AT SYRACUSE, LATE
LAVAL AT BELLEVILLE, LATE
ROCKFORD AT CHICAGO, LATE
ABBOTSFORD AT TUCSON, LATE
SAN DIEGO AT BAKERSFIELD, LATE
Hockey East standings

MEN'S
Team; GP: W; L; T; PTS
Northeast: 9; 6; 3; 0; 19
UMass: 8; 5; 2; 1; 18
Northeastern: 9; 5; 3; 1; 17

Boston College: 9; 5; 3; 1; 17
UConn: 9; 5; 4; 0; 14
UMass Lowell: 6; 5; 1; 0; 14
Merrimack: 9; 3; 6; 0; 11
Boston University: 10; 3; 5; 2; 11
New Hampshire: 9; 3; 5; 1; 8
Maine: 8; 1; 6; 1; 5
Vermont: 6; 1; 4; 1; 4

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

COLGATE AT UCONN, LATE
UNION AT MERRIMACK, LATE
UMASS LOWELL AT MAINE, LATE
HOLY CROSS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE, LATE
PROVIDENCE AT BROWN, LATE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY VS. CORNELL (AT MSG), LATE
WOMEN'S
Team; GP: W; L; T; PTS
Northeastern: 14; 11; 2; 1; 35
Boston University: 13; 6; 4; 3; 22
UConn: 11; 6; 3; 2; 19
Boston College: 10; 6; 4; 0; 17
Maine: 10; 4; 5; 1; 14
Merrimack: 12; 4; 7; 1; 14
Vermont: 8; 4; 3; 1; 13
Providence: 9; 3; 4; 2; 13
New Hampshire: 11; 3; 7; 1; 12
Holy Cross: 10; 1; 9; 0; 3

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

CLARKSON AT MAINE, LATE
PROVIDENCE AT BROWN, LATE
NORTHEASTERN AT PRINCETON, LATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT UNION, LATE
SYRACUSE AT VERMONT, LATE
Nutmeg Classic (Storrs)
QUINNIPAC AT UCONN, LATE

Smashville Showcase (Antioch, Tenn.)
BOSTON COLLEGE VS. MERCYHURST, LATE
USL Championship Playoffs

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
Orange County at Tampa Bay, 8:30p.m.
Local college football schedules/ results
UCONN (1-10)
August 28: Fresno State 45,

Hartford Courant

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Decor in an apartment in the opulent 16th Arrondissement of Paris, renovated by the Parisian firm Jouin Manku. JEROME GALLAND PHOTOS

A straight road to the past

1890s limestone row house distills the essence of 19th-century Paris

By Julie Lasky
The New York Times

PARIS — When Napoleon III commissioned urban planner Georges-Eugène Haussmann to modernize the dense, disjointed and pestilential mess that was mid-19th-century Paris, his instructions were summed up in three verbs: aérer, unifier and embellir. Make it airy, interconnected and beautiful.

Today, an apartment in a Haussmann-style building in Paris — an 1890s limestone row house with wrought-iron balconies and oak parquet floors — distills the essence of the grandly remodeled metropolis. Renovated by the Parisian firm Jouin Manku as a pied-à-terre for Georges Bousleiman, 56, a real estate developer, the home, which sits on a corner in the opulent 16th Arrondissement, is ventilated with ceiling-high windows, unified with tones of cream and glints of brass and embellished with upholstered walls and custom furnishings.

“The simplicity of plaster and wood is the baseline that goes through everything,” said architect Sanjit

Manku, who led the project with designer Patrick Jouin. “But there is also individuality. You use different rooms at different points of the day and in different scenarios. Some are more social; some are more introverted.”

Jouin and Manku reconfigured the flat, which had previously been broken up into multiple units, so that it could serve as a workplace for Bousleiman and his wife, Bettina, while allowing their two teenagers to hang out and watch movies.

At the prow of the corner building is a family room with a large custom fireplace, 10.5-foot ceilings and a pair of radiating offices. A formal living room follows through French doors; then the dining room. Beyond that are three bedrooms with silk-covered walls and custom beds with integrated lighting. (Jouin Manku designed all the home’s built-ins and many of the movable furniture pieces.) A pair of white marble bathrooms is across the corridor.

The small kitchen is at the far end of the unit, a number of steps — some Americans would consider them miles — from the



A concealed bar in the dining room of the apartment.

dining room. There, a peninsula table seats the family for casual meals.

Gazing out the apartment’s oak-trimmed windows (whose grain is unconventionally unpainted to appease the modern hunger for tactility, Jouin said), drinking in the streetscape with its regimented, Mansard-roofed beauty, one could only be in Paris. Yet the apartment also summons other places that are dear to Georges Bousleiman: Strasbourg, the Alsatian city where he is based, and the mountain village near Beirut, Leba-

non, where he grew up.

Those leather-covered walls in the entrance hall where a horse’s head sculpture is stationed? They are a tribute to Les Haras, a grand hotel in Strasbourg converted from 18th-century royal stables that was a previous collaboration of Bousleiman and Jouin Manku. (The firm is known for updating spaces within magnificent old buildings.)

The mural that covers all four dining-room walls? It is a hand-painted, semifantastical panorama of the buildings and landscape

Bousleiman occupied in his youth. Here are rendered his family house, a grandfather’s house that dates from the 17th century, picturesque ruins, even pet trees. The artist, François Houtin, traveled with Bousleiman to Lebanon to see all this for himself and returned to the dining room with a tiny paintbrush.

“I was thinking something like one week, two weeks, one month,” Bousleiman said of the amount of time he expected the project to demand. After two weeks, Houtin had painted “less than half a square meter,” Bousleiman said, or about 5 square feet. The mural, which spreads over the sliding doors of a bar cabinet mounted on a wall, ultimately took six months. But the artist was reluctant to give it up and continued into the hallway, where he represented Bousleiman’s university among lush Lebanese foliage.

It doesn’t take long to realize that this stately apartment often veers into wildness. In designing the family room fireplace, Jouin and Manku riffed, at a blown-up scale, on traditional materials like cast iron and stone. But the iron appears outside, not inside, the chimney; and the stone is a carved slab used for the mantel that weighs a ton and a half. Their version of

the mirror that is typically mounted above a fireplace not only reflects the view from the window opposite, but also serves as a television screen.

Down the hall, the living room is decorated with casts of classical statues from the Louvre and large photographs by Jean-Christophe Ballot of abstracted white marble torsos and limbs. Amid all the pale oak and cream, a door at the end of the main corridor opens to a startlingly black marble powder room.

For Jouin, the difference between designing hotels and private homes is creating a living, breathing environment that will evolve with the residents rather than a static backdrop, like a stage set.

Or as Manku put it, “If you don’t start off with the idea of a bit of a collage, then how do the people living there begin to add their own things? They would have to think like the person who designed it, and then it’s never theirs.”

The designers were not always ready to relinquish their aesthetic authority, however. When Bousleiman asked that the living room sofa face the front door instead of the window, so he could see guests as they entered, “Patrick,” he recalled, “said no.” It would block the light.

Add a midcentury modern touch

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Midcentury modern design remains both hip and classic. From walnut wood finishes, rich leather and brass accents, this timeless style is more popular than ever. From internet and flea market finds to classics that have been passed down through the generations, here are some tips on how to infuse a midcentury vibe into your home decor.

Group similarly styled midcentury modern-inspired pieces in the same room. Creating furniture vignettes will help instantly infuse a space with a midcentury modern vibe.

Look for walnut and other warm wood pieces. This finish is a signature of midcentury modern furniture.

Consider leather for primary pieces. Leather is

a hallmark of midcentury design and is also durable and timeless.

Purchase select midcentury modern inspiration or foundation pieces to help anchor a space such as sideboards and consoles.

Create a midcentury-inspired focal point in a room. This can be anything from a selection of art, wall hanging or piece of furniture such as a sofa or chair.



The pairing of walnut and black creates an instant midcentury vibe in this living room. SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS



Leather chairs with walnut legs serve as midcentury modern furniture. HANDOUT

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Should properties go from living trust to LLC?

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My wife’s youngest daughter is concerned about how we have set up our estate. We own three properties in Southern California and use two as rentals to supplement our retirement. All three properties are held in our living trust.

The trust states that each of our six children (aged 35 to 52 years old) have the right of first refusal to buy any of the houses and, if they do, they will have to pay off their siblings. Our youngest daughter was told that it would be better if the properties were held in an LLC and have the name of one of our adult children on title with us.

Is that a good idea? Are there any advantages or disadvantages to doing this (besides creating jealousy among them)?

A: We don’t agree, for a number of reasons.

Let’s start with the obvious: You seem to have a plan in place that you liked when you set it up, and it apparently still works for you.

We don’t know why you’d want to make a change when something is working, and we’re not sure why you’d want to put those properties into a limited liability company (LLC). You will have expenses in setting up the LLC and transferring those properties to the LLC.

We also don’t know whether the transfer to the LLC will trigger any changes in your real estate taxes.

You live in California, and the state offers certain benefits for homeowners that limit tax increases while you live in it as a primary residence. You should consult with a real estate attorney in your area to see if the transfer would trigger a change in your real estate taxes.



Concerns with estate planning are best handled by talking to an attorney. **DREAMSTIME**

You mentioned that your daughter was told that it would be better for you to hold your properties in an LLC, but you didn’t mention who gave her that advice. Is she a real estate attorney or estate attorney? If so, then you should press her to explain her suggestion.

Otherwise, her advice concerns us. Right now, you and your wife control those properties and can do what you want with them. Upon your death, or your wife’s death, we presume that the surviving spouse will be the sole beneficiary under the trusts.

Was your daughter suggesting that the owners of the LLC would be you and your wife along with one of your kids? If all three properties are in the LLC,

the child who’s in that LLC with you would effectively get control of those properties upon your death. Worse, that child might become the owner of the entirety of those properties no matter what your wills state.

With the way you’ve constructed your property portfolio, it’s clear that you want these properties (or their value) divided equally among your children upon your death. You’ve set up a pretty good system for allowing your kids to decide who should wind up owning what, if anything, and it’s easy to understand. If any one of your children wants to own a particular property, that child would have to buy the property and pay off the other siblings. That sounds fair

and reasonable.

Still, times do change. Perhaps this is a good time to revisit the issue and go over your estate plan with your attorney. You might decide to keep everything exactly as it is now, or, if other parts of your estate have grown, you might opt for a few tweaks to the plan. But these changes would be on terms that you decide, while asking questions and getting answers from a person you trust and know can set up the estate plan for you.

Your daughter is likely trying to help, but we could imagine a situation where you put the properties into one or more LLCs and you lose the stepped-up basis upon your and your wife’s death. Under current law, when you and your wife

die, your kids will inherit your properties at the properties’ value at around the time of the last one of you to die. This means that if you have a huge appreciation on these properties (and huge profits), your kids wouldn’t pay tax on those profits if they sell the properties shortly after you die.

Or, if they keep them and sell them down the road, they will only pay profits on the appreciation from and after the value at the time of the last one of you to die. It’s a huge benefit to children to not have to pay taxes on that profit, and California real estate values (like so many places in the country) have skyrocketed over the last several years.

When you put any of those properties into the LLC with your kids as

co-owners of the LLC, you’d likely find yourself with a big headache from a number of perspectives: valuation, real estate taxes, the expense of setting up a new plan, California tax, etc.

Play it safe, and talk to your estate attorney before doing anything. Once you’ve made up your mind, call a family meeting and share your estate plan and (more importantly) the thinking behind it with your children. They’re old enough to understand your reasons, even if they think they know better.

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A home toolkit is essential for minor jobs. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

Keeping useful tools

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Sometimes you can’t hire a pro to handle a job, or it’s a small thing you can handle yourself. Whatever the case, all well-prepared homes should be equipped with the basics to handle the kind of everyday tasks that can come up.

You don’t need to get fancy, expensive equipment for regular home issues. In many cases, simpler is better. Here are six things that should be easily accessible in every home.

Basic toolbox

Keep a box with these essential basics: tape measure, claw hammer, utility knife, level, crescent wrenches, hex keys, a handsaw, pliers, multiple screwdrivers and a collection of screws and nails. Try to keep it organized and easily accessible; it’s very easy for a tool box to dissolve into chaos if you don’t keep things in proper order. You’ll thank yourself later on when you need to find a particular screwdriver for a task.

Fire extinguisher

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher per floor. If you have only one, make sure it’s near the kitchen, where most home fires start. Look for an ABC-rated unit that will extinguish all fire types. Teach everyone in the home where it is and how to use it. While you’re at it, make sure your family has a plan to escape in the event of fire, and practice it.

Drill and drill bits

A battery-powered drill and driver is an essential home tool. Add a selection of drill bits in many sizes to be ready for whatever you need. The standard 12-volt cordless drill you can find at many big-box stores should provide more than enough juice for most home purposes.

Emergency supply kit

FEMA recommends keeping an easily accessible kit with these items for emergencies: three days of food for every person in the house, one gallon of water per day per person, first aid kit, flashlight, weather radio, basic

tools, dust masks, plastic sheets, garbage bags, can opener, medicine, hygiene products and cellphone charger.

You can find more details from FEMA at Ready.gov/kit.

Stepladder/stepstool

A must-have for many household needs. Many injuries take place due to people using chairs or other inappropriate stand-ins for a ladder. Remember to practice ladder safety: Never go beyond its recommended top step, don’t try to reach just a few inches more, and have a buddy hold and stabilize the ladder for you.

Safety equipment

Keep plastic gloves, leather gloves, dust masks, ear protection and eye protection on hand. You never know when a job might call for them. It’s wise to use protection during a wide variety of tasks — a mishap during yard work or while using a drill can lead to eye injury. You can usually find safety kits that will include all the basics you need.

TREASURES

Czech/Bohemian glass grape cluster lamp a delightful find

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: I bought this lamp at an estate sale. I call it a “Czech grape cluster Murano lamp.” There is only one grape half broken. How much is it worth?

A: This is really a wonderful table lamp with five multicolored glass grape clusters that are very festive and attractive. Many lamps of this type have only two clusters, and the grapes are sometimes only a single shade of white grape green.

We do, however, have a small nomenclature problem with the description. The lamp was indeed crafted in the Bohemian region of what is now the Czech Republic, but Murano, a collection of seven small islands in the Venetian lagoon in Italy, has nothing to do with the delightful lighting device.

Glass-making was important in both Murano and Bohemia. The Venetians were famous for glass during the medieval period, but in 1291 all the glass makers were ordered to leave Venice and relocate on Murano because it was feared the fires used to make glass would get out of hand and burn down the town (it was largely made from wood at the time).

The Bohemian glass industry really got its start in the 16th century, when artisans learned that by mixing potash and chalk they could make a clear, colorless glass that was more stable. Over the years, and in the most general sense, Venetian/Murano glass became the high priced product, while Bohemian glass became the more affordable. Bohemian glass is often credited with putting some Amer-



Although it’s whimsical and attractive, does the damage hurt this lamp? **READER SUBMITTED/TNS**

ican 19th-century glass manufacturers out of business because of the price differential. It was also Bohemian glass makers who inspired and pointed Louis Comfort Tiffany toward making his now-famous glass products.

There is no doubt the lamp is Czech/Bohemian, but that does not hurt the piece one bit. Collectors seem to love the Czech lamps, be they baskets with mounds of glass fruit, flowers lighted from within or lamps with hanging bunches of grapes clustered around a light bulb.

These were very popular during the 1920s. We feel the piece is circa 1925. There are two issues we need to explore quickly. The first is the quality of the lamp base, which is fairly pedestrian. Better examples have birds and other embellishments.

The second issue is the

half-broken grape. We feel if the defect can be hidden from easy view, the reduction in value should only be about 20% overall. If the lamp were in perfect condition, it should have a retail value in the \$1,200-\$1,500 range. But the broken grape — if it does not detract too much from the aesthetic appeal of the lamp — reduces this worth to about \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you’d like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you’d like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: Park Place Towers

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Park Place Towers has been pioneering luxurious high-rise apartments in Hartford

By James Alexander

In recent years, one demographic trend has become increasingly clear in many cities, including Hartford. People, young and old, but primarily young, are moving back to the nation’s urban centers.

There are many reasons for this shift in population patterns. Urban living places many of these people close to work, perhaps even within walking distance of their employment. It also means they are near a wide range of services, including restaurants, shops and stores, cultural events, banks, entertainment venues, and mass transit options.

As for housing in Hartford, Park Place Towers has been a pioneer in providing luxurious high-rise apartments with easy access to numerous urban attractions. These twin towers, which are just two short blocks from I-84, are centrally located and within walking distance to downtown Hartford and the Capitol. City bus service is even closer, just steps away.



The two 25-story towers contain 451 apartments. Most are two-bedroom units, though about one-third have one bedroom. In addition, there are 11 units offering three bedrooms. Currently, there are some two-bedroom and a limited number of one-bedroom units available.

Each of these apartments features an open and inviting floor plan, with a chef-friendly galley kitchen. All but one unit has a pass-through from the fully equipped kitchen to the dining area, which makes entertaining easier. These apartments are visually appealing, with ample natural light from large double-pane windows highlighting layouts that delight the eye.



Bedrooms are roomy with ample closet space. Bathrooms are tiled with the two bedroom units featuring two full baths, making these ideal for young professionals willing to take on a roommate.

“We have an extremely varied tenant group,” John Scobie, the general manager, said. “It skews toward a younger population, but we have some residents who have been here since 1988,” when the two towers opened. Other longer-term residents have moved within Park Place Towers, vacating a one-bedroom apartment when a two-bedroom unit became available. Of special interest to many people, two bedroom units on the top



four floors of both towers have a balcony, while all the units feature impressive city views.

Some of the residents, according to Scobie, are contract employees, with Park Place Towers able to supply furnished units for individuals on extended temporary assignments in Hartford. “We can also supply a housewares package. All you need is a suitcase,” Scobie said.



Residents will find an exceptionally wide array of services at Park Place Towers, starting with security measures that include a full-time concierge who interacts with all visitors and announces them to the residents they will be seeing before they are allowed into the building. Closed circuit video feeds allow residents to verify the identity of each visitor.

The concierge will also receive packages, often as many as 80 per day in each tower, according Scobie. These deliveries are logged and stored in a secure area with resident notifications promptly issued. Dry cleaning deliveries are handled similarly.

Both towers have access to two lounges, one with a full kitchen. These are open to all the residents, but can also be reserved for those who wish to entertain large groups of friends and relatives.



In addition to the lounges, other amenities residents enjoy include use of a well-equipped fitness center, private parking in an attached and secure four-level garage, bicycle storage, access to additional storage space, and two business centers. These centers are located on the top floor of each tower. One center is reserved for conferences while the other is for quiet study.

Further setting this complex apart is the sense of community that has emerged among the residents. Park Place Towers promotes two large social gatherings each year, a holiday party and summer picnic, as well as many smaller activities, including movie nights, wine tastings, and talks on a variety of topics, such as personal finance. There are also sporting activities, including basketball, baseball and soccer, for those who wish to participate. Access to all of these programs and services is included at no extra charge, as are community-wide high-speed WiFi, heat, air conditioning, hot water, and parking for one car.

Nearby, residents will find easy access to live theater with the Bushnell, Hartford Stage and Theater Works within walking distance. Hartford’s Infinity Music Hall & Bistro as well as West Hartford’s Playhouse on Park are also nearby.

There are numerous area restaurants, easy access to food trucks, and the promise of developer Carlos Mouta’s Parkville Market food hall on the horizon. It, too, is within easy walking distance, just past the area’s shopping center. Park Place Towers is ideally located for easy access to a wide range of activities.



Adding to its appeal, the grounds, which abut Pope Park, the buildings, and common areas, are scrupulously maintained. Even the halls leading to the apartments are bright, cheery and inviting. And, for those who also enjoy some suburban touches, residency also includes unfettered access to a private six-acre park with a walking trail, a heated seasonal outdoor swimming pool, and tennis courts. “Park Place Towers is where people will find an urban lifestyle with suburban amenities,” Scobie said. Residents may also have a pet cat.

All of this supports a compelling argument for making the move to Park Place Towers. However, the most compelling argument could be this: Thirty percent of the new residents based their move on the recommendation of a friend who is a current resident, Scobie said.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Park Place Towers

Year built: 1988

Style: High rise towers

Monthly rental: Starts at \$1,100 per month

Bedrooms: One or two

Bathrooms: One with one-bedroom units; two with two-bedroom units

Square footage: 600 to 1,050 square feet

Mill rate for motor vehicles: 45.0

Best feature: Urban lifestyle with suburban amenities

Contact: Park Place Towers Leasing Office at 860-951-3400 or click on leasing at the website, parkplacect.com

BLOOMFIELD

Amazing opportunity to own a home with endless views of Downtown Hartford and 10 acres of absolute privacy! This custom-built 4 bed, 3.5 bath contemporary home is the perfect retreat. Drive into the newly paved, circular driveway & cross a bridge to get to the front door. You will immediately fall in love with the lifestyle this home has to offer. The foyer steps down into the oversized & dramatic living room/ dining room combo. The soaring, vaulted ceilings & huge windows allow optimal natural light, and city views from every corner. There is also hardwood floors, a wood burning fireplace and recessed lighting. Additionally, living room has sliders that lead to the deck that overlooks the huge, private yard. The eat-in kitchen is spacious offering white cabinetry, chic white countertops and a 2nd wood burning fireplace. The modern peaked window at the rear of the kitchen is ideal for capturing views while you sit around the kitchen table. The main level also features a family room/study that is cozy & complete with a mini bar hidden in the closet! The second floor features the master suite & a separate office area. The master suite has rows of windows providing gorgeous views as well as a private balcony. There is plenty of closet space, plus a walk-in closet and a full bath. The bedroom level has the remaining 3 beds, 2 full baths & another office nook. The exterior of the property features multiple decks, a 2-car attached garage & central air. You can make this your oasis! \$670,000, 21 Gibraltar Ln, Bloomfield. Tony Buccheri, 860-983-0748, tbuccheri@bhhsne.com, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England.



WEST HARTFORD

Don't miss this charming Cape in a FANTASTIC LOCATION! Easy walking distance to West Hartford Center and just steps away from beautiful Fernridge Park - featuring a public pool, splash pad and tennis courts. This central location allows for an easy commute - no matter which direction you're heading in! New roof, siding and driveway in 2018. This home offers 3 bedrooms and 11 bathrooms (with potential to expand to 2 full baths), gas heat, newer windows, updated kitchen and bathrooms, a partially fenced yard, and a sun drenched 3-season porch. Flexible floor plan allows for master bedroom on either the first or second floor. Need more space? Head down to the partially finished lower level complete with fireplace and built-in bar! There's even enough space for an exercise room! There is no shortage of storage space in this home with nicely sized closets, a walk-in attic, and additional basement storage. Nothing left to do in this house but move right in! \$310,000, 525 Fern St, West Hartford. Sciarra Mok Team, Krissy Mok, 860-371-7441 kristenmok@bhhsne.com, Paul Sciarra 860-983-3391, paulsciarra@bhhsne.com.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

16 5th St, Universal Acceleration to Knight, John and Knight, Michele, 11/9, \$422,600
22 Union St, Puglisi, Heather R and Puglisi, James G to Park, Anna, 11/9, \$210,000
24 Holbrook St, Ho, Binh to Santana, Santa T, 11/9, \$273,200
47 Ellis St, Zygodlo, Wladyslaw and Zygodlo, Stanislaw to Vigo, Nigel C, 11/9, \$385,000
74 High St, Zitnay, Susan C to YKM High LLC, 11/9, \$201,000
94 N Cliff St, Lopez, Cheryl to Michel, Marie Q and Paulin, Rebecca C, 11/8, \$300,000
101 High St, Lupone, Giuseppe and Lupone, Renee to Weinkle, Spencer, 11/8, \$303,500
134 Prospect St, Greager, Marilou to Mican, Zeljko, 11/8, \$161,500

ASHFORD

46 Ashford Lake Dr, Useted, Joseph K and Useted, Kristen S to Oblon, Mark and Reid, Sondra, 11/9, \$170,000
147 Mansfield Rd, Deibler, Coralynn and Argoff, Patricia E to Smith, Tyler J and Phelps, Kaaitlyn M, 11/9, \$265,000
149 Lakeview Dr, Blanchette, Charlene to Davtyan, Yuna Y, 11/10, \$395,000
452 Turnpike Rd, Haas, Curtis M and Parsons, Heather L to Fenn, Eric J and Fenn, Laura, 11/10, \$499,900

AVON

7 Ivy Cv Lot 7, Helene P Silvers RET and Silvers, Bruce C to Peterson, Joy, 11/8, \$325,000
16 Westmont Rd, Semo, David M and Semo, Ann M to Weiler, M Elizabeth, 11/5, \$610,000
18 Byron Dr Lot 18, Malone, Brian to Robi-nett, Carmen, 11/5, \$280,000
18 Byron Dr Lot 18, Malone, Brian to Robi-nett, Carmen, 11/5, \$280,000
25 Chestnut Dr Lot 25, Khilji, Saadia and Mushtaq, Yaser to Nowak, Julia, 11/12, \$209,000
42 Longview Rd, Collings, Marybeth K to Duong, Nhan T and Nguyen, Camtu T, 11/8, \$530,000
56 Brentwood Dr, Carrier, Gino J and Carrier, Susanne M to Rickis, Max V and Derasadourian, Ann M, 11/5, \$375,000
494 Huckleberry Hill Rd, Bosnyak, Paul S and Bosnyak, Karen L to Mejia, Bertha, 11/5, \$460,000

BARKHAMSTED

32 Riverton Rd, Parsons, April to Larson, Susan M, 10/8, \$200,000

BEACON FALLS

28 Bayberry Ct, Eg Home LLC to Chaud-hary, Arvind K and Desai, Sandra B, 11/10, \$668,623
63 Cedar Ln, Schiller Mary D Est and Schil-ler, Thomas R to Davies, Kimberly, 11/9, \$225,000

BERLIN

Chamberlain Hwy, Andersen, John T and Andersen, Tamara I to Currao, Derek S and Currao, Stephanie B, 11/2, \$269,000
40 Cindy Ln, Guite Maureen E Est and Guite, Jonathan P to Blustein, Joseph and Blustein, Shirley, 11/1, \$286,500
43 Mountain View Dr, Dorothy C Pelto LT and Pelto, Dorothy C to Correa, Antonio J and Correa, Jenny J, 11/1, \$243,000
55 Windy Knoll Dr, Fortuna, Francesco and Fortuna, Lilia P to Zaverbnyy, Mykola and Zaverbnyy, Mariia, 11/9, \$520,000
378 Mooreland Rd, Armetta, Michael V and Armetta, Chiara to KCH Trading Inc, 11/12, \$755,000
388 Percival Ave, Peters, Robert J to Norton, Nakita, 11/11, \$249,900
1162 Berlin Tpke, Heim, Derek to CRL Hayek LLC, 11/1, \$480,000

BETHEL

8 Barnum Ct Lot 8, Lopresti, Frank J to Desforges, Robin, 11/12, \$355,000
13 Great Hill Dr Lot 13, Toll CT 2 LP to Still-man, Barbara and Stillman, Sharon, 11/9, \$579,669
20 Deepwood Dr, Capone, Matthew S and Capone, Lauren E to Dealmidea-Mat-tos, Rafael and Arambell, Rayssa C, 11/9, \$385,000
53 Grassy Plain St Lot B8, Bazzano, Mary to Taweh, Jocelyne, 11/8, \$450,000
91 Walnut Hill Rd, Wardlow, Rebecca A to Alsaidi, Walid and Alzendani, Ejmal, 11/10, \$749,000

BETHLEHEM

7 Arch Bridge Rd, Almorí Jr, John C to Bernard, Adler and Nicolas, Dimitri, 11/9, \$83,500
85 Munger Ln, Adams, Randy O to Myer Jr, William C, 11/12, \$265,000

BLOOMFIELD

1 Pent Rd, Brannack, John to Magalhaes-Pereira, L F, 11/10, \$517,500
5 Brentwood Dr, Campbell, Sebastian to Houston, Raquelle, 11/8, \$300,000
32 Filley St, Rivera, Sheila M to Mack, Jeffrey L, 11/8, \$295,000
124 E Pershing St, Sutherland, Lorrel to Williams, Stephanie M, 11/8, \$220,000
539 Simsbury Rd, Bonjour, Anthony R to Smith, Adrienne and Smith, John T, 11/10, \$377,000
1085 Blue Hills Ave Lot J, Broadie, Maxine to Soto, Juan L, 11/10, \$90,000

BOLTON

68 High Ridge Farm Ln, Wiles, Sean A and Wiles, Amy E to Goodness, Evan J and Good-ness, Sarah J, 11/8, \$620,000

BRANFORD

3 Granite Rd, Halloran FT and Florentine, Richard T to Galligan, David, 11/9, \$425,000
7 Toole Dr, Kerrigan, Mabel B to Borrero, Amy L, 11/9, \$307,500
9 Luisa Ct Lot 28, Donmar Contracting LLC to Ricci, Lucia, 11/5, \$562,661
16 Breezy Ln, Galdenzi, Mary to Potter, Timothy P and Potter, Jenna C, 11/5, \$395,000
25 Florence Rd Lot 20, Mack, Angelica L to Zhu, Xiaomei, 11/8, \$200,000
28 Woodvale Rd, Kallert, Paul R to Kenealy, Anthony M and Kenealy, Jane, 11/8, \$410,000
33 Island View Ave, Bailey William H Est and Bailey, Ford H to Sepot, Claudia V, 11/8, \$1,675,000
62 Riverside Dr, Uljens, John B and Mcclo-skey, Sheila F to Moreland, Richard, 11/5, \$632,000
77 Todds Hill Rd, F Vigliotti Const Co LLC to Bashyal, Rishav and Acharya, Janaki, 11/5, \$487,209
103 Plymouth Colony Lot 103, Siracuse, Joseph T and Siracuse, Mary A to Abreu, Yizzel, 11/9, \$190,000
129 Florence Rd Lot 2A, Rosenblatt, Maggie to Wise, Laura, 11/8, \$148,000

BRIDGEPORT

Island Brook Ave, Island Brook LLC to Singz Corp, 10/20, \$135,000
S East Ave, Benchmark Mun Tax Svcs to Darbe&Stein HHM LLC, 10/18, \$135,000
Success Vly, Chi, Song and Shin, Myong to Rosado, Sulag and Santiago, George, 10/18, \$56,000
N/A, Muirhead Barbara Est and Kane, Betsy to Inamov, Zarif, 10/27, \$53,000
5 McKinley Ave, Harris, Raul to Armas, Javier, 10/25, \$330,000
11 Anton Cir, Medeiros, Domingos A and Medeiros, Ricardo S to Arrieta, Deborah and Pena, Ricardo M, 10/19, \$425,000
13-15 Hudson St, Mcqueen, Leslie R to Howell Jr, Calvin, 10/22, \$435,000
21 Indian Field Rd, Dushok, David to Basara, Skyler and Basara, Steven, 10/13, \$292,500
23 Lee Ave, Mazon, Vilma R to Diaz, Abigail M, 10/26, \$210,000
25 Dexter Dr, Johnson Robert A Est and Johnston, Gregory J to Braha, Gleydson, 11/1, \$230,900
25 Ellsworth St, Sharpe, Jefferson to Ostrof-sky, Kate, 10/13, \$14,150
27-29 Bell St, Bell Street LLC to 5 Star Hold-ings LLC, 10/8, \$431,000
29 Brookside Ave, Chaman, Chirag to Bona-partre, Carolina, 10/19, \$172,000

31 Remington St Lot B4, Icart, Mitchel to K BPT Condo 1 LLC, 10/8, \$52,000
33 Richfield Rd, Azpiri, Naiara to Delgaizo, Rossy and Lopez, Aracelly, 10/13, \$343,000
33 Wilmot Ave, Arduini, Elmoustafa to Prop-erty Jim LLC, 10/12, \$65,000
35 Woodrow Ave, McLaine, Edward J to Cabrera-Alvarado, Mario E and Cabre-ra-Yunga, Mario B, 10/8, \$330,000
35-37 Ford Pl, Yamilie LLC to Delacruz, Cece-lio I, 10/8, \$262,600
37 Hurlock Pl, A1 Properties LLC to Carchi, Maria E, 10/19, \$535,000
43 Canterbury Rd Lot 43, Morrissey, Shan-on M to Kurti, Arben, 10/20, \$130,000
45 Hudson St, Clarence&Kossuth St LLC to GodinhoFranco, Waldson, 10/22, \$210,000
45 Sullivan Pl, Garcia, Elba M and Garcia, Santo R to Cortes, Raul and Maldonado, Anna, 10/14, \$369,900
48-54 Center St, Piedra, Johnny to Vargas, Felipe, 10/15, \$460,000
50 Sullivan Pl, Trejos-Ibata, K Tatiana and Osorio-Martinez, F Alfonso to Clarinet, Rodriguez J and Espinal, Luis D, 10/22, \$325,000
51 Ameridge Dr Lot 51, Serrano, Lourdes and Serrano, Martha to Eaton, Wanda and Eatonwhite, Leete R, 10/14, \$212,000
53-55 Laurel Ave, Pizarro, Daniel to Almonte, Silvia and Rodrigues, Rafael, 10/25, \$330,000
57-61 Smith St, Pizarro, Daniel to Denis, Jean C and Denis, Monique E, 10/13, \$315,000
59 Elmwood Pl, Bridgeport Islamic Soc to Afrin, Fahmida, 10/21, \$295,000
60-62 Hansen Ave, Ganim, Joseph P to Bellsmith, Helise, 10/14, \$402,500
63-65 Laurel Ave, Pizarro, Daniel to Almonte, Silvia and Rodrigues, Rafael, 10/25, \$330,000
65 Ellsworth St Lot 314, Jacko, Sally A to Bala, Naushir, 10/15, \$297,500
68 Leighton Rd, Abubo, Carol E and Abubo, Theresa to Jimenez, Sasha and Purefoy, Anthony, 10/13, \$262,500
74 Roger Williams Rd, Salgado, Maria to Sistrunk, Kevin, 10/15, \$293,000
74 Sanford Pl, Pizarro, Daniel to Halder, Debina, 10/25, \$321,500
75 Pavlik Pl, Brown, Marcia S to Delacruz, Jose A and Delacruz, Ma A, 10/21, \$360,000
78-84 Alice St, Beaumont Properties LLC to Tri State Property LLC, 10/20, \$281,000
80 Pixiee Pl, Hashbrouck, Adolph to Medina, Melvin, 10/13, \$183,000
82-86 Hanford Ave, Albert, June L and Lucienne, Albert J to Yazbak, Alfred, 10/22, \$445,000
84 Lorraine Ter, Catalan, Jose G to Kasten, Darah, 10/14, \$325,000
86-88 Courtland Ave, Brazier, Leslie C to Ettinger, Robert, 10/14, \$405,000
90 Hillcrest Rd, ML Estate LLC to Rubin, Haim, 10/22, \$205,000
92 Eastwood Rd, Alicea, Nelson and Bisch, Migdalia to Baculima, Wilson, 10/20, \$230,000
92 Lincoln Ave, Callejas, Jose P to Callejas, Jose S, 10/13, \$230,000
94 Cleveland Ave, Ohana Properties LLC to Benedo, Opakirite, 10/25, \$460,000
95-99 Wake St, Mancho, Marino to Corona, Manuel and Garcia, Roxana, 10/12, \$220,000
96 Laurel Pl, Pascone, Matthew P to Thesa-tus, Jeddiah L and Thesatus, Thierry, 10/13, \$282,500
100-102 Lincoln Ave, Callejas, Jose P to Callejas, Jose S, 10/13, \$230,000
100-102 Wake St, Jones Jr, Jasper and McClain, Ethel to 416 Gregory LLC, 10/8, \$220,000
107 Edna Ave, Platt, Ladonna L to Dushing, Ashley N and Macclara, Nichola A, 10/19, \$335,000
110 Benson St, Similien, Jacob S and Water-house, Yazmin J to Hernandez, Daimelis, 10/19, \$216,000
110 Glenwood Ave Lot 110, Lewis, Wayne A to Adrien, Julie, 10/13, \$125,000
120 Huntington Tpke Lot 1008, Lee, Choon S and Lee, Xiao H to Delgado, Daniel F, 10/15, \$79,900
122 Asylum St, JCW Capital LLC to Chinaka, Lazarus O, 10/13, \$155,000
122 Chestnut St Lot 122, Bregaj, Berat and Bregaj, Qesfere to CGC Properties LLC, 10/8, \$62,000
123-125 Harmony St, Alves, Jose L to Filsaime, Clifford and Filsaime, Daphnee, 10/26, \$400,000
126 Austin St, Haray, Andrew to 126 Austin LLC, 10/19, \$175,000
127 Kennedy Dr Lot 127, Szabo, Donnamarie to Smith, Mark C, 10/20, \$129,000
130 Fairview Ave Ext, Garcia, Maribel to Rozek, Anna and Rozek, Piotr, 10/25, \$250,000
134 Leonard Dr, Miller Helene Est and Colbert, Rita to Bocuzzi, James, 10/12, \$260,000
135 Harlem Ave, Heller, Adam M and Heller, Maria J to Maldonadocabrera, Celso E, 10/8, \$240,000
147 Minturn Rd, Figueroa, Juan C and Palma, Silvia to Capalac, Elieser, 10/13, \$329,900
162 Jackson Ave, Porat, Mordeai and Porat, Mordehai to Acunamata, Jeffry R, 10/22, \$230,000
162-164 Bronx Ave, Alvarado, Narcisa V to Tochmani, Heriberto and Zaca, Edgar T, 10/20, \$389,900
171 Jones Ave, Castro, Sonia and Zuniga, Jose to Goncalves, Gilza J and Gilza-Jardim, Goncalves, 10/22, \$260,000
177 Clark St, Toralbo, Susan M to Verrusio HM Improvement, 10/18, \$190,000
180 Court D Lot 62, Tran, Tay J to Kim, James and Park, Seungho, 10/20, \$55,000
191 Cowles St, Vallejo, Josea to Bido, Michelle, 10/21, \$250,000
195 Lakeside Dr, Cortez, Nydia to Christian 3rd, Samuel K, 10/15, \$400,000
231 Bardsley Park Ter, Paulos, Manuel and Paulos, Marcelina to Naranjo, Carlos A, 10/22, \$440,000
265 Earl Ave, Hardy Joan Est and Rice, Cheryl to Lean, Jose A and Cuatz, Joana I, 11/1, \$210,000
285 Olive St, Espinal, Hilda to Pelissou, Thiago S, 10/14, \$156,485
289 Carroll Ave, USA HUD to Dostal, Denis, 10/22, \$13,111
290 Summit St, Roundtree, Erma J and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Fritz, Tula C and Ramos, Antonio R, 10/13, \$190,000
296 Grandfield Ave, Reyes, Fredy to Vasquez, Jose R and Vasquez, Yudelka, 10/14, \$310,000
310 Douglas St, Morales, Monserrate to Cohen, Steven, 10/18, \$300,000
312 Douglas St, Morales, Monserrate to Cohen, Steven, 10/18, \$300,000
314 Huntington Tpke, Vite, Abigail to Gomez-Fabre, Jennifer and Gomez, Fabre J, 10/25, \$280,000
315 Grandfield Ave Lot 12A, Fernandes, Cynthia to Cole, Michelle, 10/18, \$24,000
315-317 Nichols St, Muniz, Angel to 315 Nichols Street LLC, 10/8, \$290,000
316-318 Linwood Ave, Wright, William J to Anderson, Oneil J and Anderson, Sheena A, 10/8, \$228,000
318 Grovers Ave, Bank Of Amer Clearing Corp and US Bank N/A to 111 Clearview Dr LLC, 10/21, \$290,000
325 Ruth St, Szilagyi, Maryhelen to Membreno, Walter, 10/15, \$285,000
326 Exeter St, Silva, Luisa F to Samuelsgor-don, Nyoka, 10/26, \$350,000
333 State St, Carlson, Robert S to 333 State Street Vent LLC, 10/14, \$13,600,000
341 Lexington Ave, Ferreira, Rolando G to Cummings, Barrington, 10/12, \$290,500
365 Platt St, Ribeiro Victoria Est and Ribeiro, Eugene to Bermeo, Estedani M and Bermeo, Chavez J, 11/5, \$350,000
450 East Ave, Cuevas, Nilsa and Cuevas, Nilsa to Morisseau, Richard and Morisseau, Ricky, 10/22, \$200,000
462 Glendale Ave Lot 13, Gosine, Gyan K to Barr, Sarah, 10/15, \$151,400
485 Anson St, Campos, Geraldo and Franco, Ariovlado to Rufuge Temple Chrch Of Gd, 10/25, \$350,000
500 North Ave, Mark Iv Const Co Inc to Jem 500 North LLC, 10/13, \$1,250,000
516-518 Brooks St, Agosta, Elizabeth and Novoa, Yesenia to Avila, Esmeira, 10/26,

\$301,000

519 Glendale Ave Lot 519, Bank Of New York Mellon to Baker, Julie, 10/19, \$215,000
525 Burnsford Ave, Primo Isabel T and Rodriguez, Luis to Williams, Keyroy and Williams, Syreka, 11/5, \$242,700
533 Seltsum Rd, FG New Home Const LLC to Holder, Annmarie and Hunter, William, 10/21, \$416,000
556-558 Pearl Harbor St, Singleton Jr, George to Guaman, David A and Tenecota, Luis G, 10/22, \$200,000
589-591 Beechwood Ave, Pizarro, Daniel to Cabrera, Hernan, 10/8, \$309,000
593-595 Noble Ave, 593 Noble LLC to Japhet, Faith G, 10/19, \$440,000
595 James St, Colon, Antonio and Torres, Edna to Gueye, Abou and Gueye, Mare, 10/15, \$187,000
597 Huntington Tpke, Lee Ursula Est and Lee, Michael C to Emile, Emmanuel and Maitre, Bernade, 11/2, \$350,000
600 Brooklawn Ave, Wanat, David M to Male, Justin and Morcus, Alfons, 10/18, \$375,000
600 Cleveland Ave, Marinaccio, Robert M to Aguilarvelasco, Manglio and Sernas-Marti-nez, Gloria, 10/18, \$205,000
602-604 Capitol Ave, Ventura, Leonel S and Ventura, Maria O to Gonzalez, Rafael, 10/25, \$450,000
614 Thorme St, Farina, David M to Ruiz, Jorge E, 10/14, \$272,000
619 Jewett Ave, Gomesrodrigues, Maria R and Rodrigues, Luiz P to Sultana, Zaigirdar M and Zaigirdar, Abdul W, 10/26, \$300,000
646 Merritt St, Preci, Lula A and Preci, Lulu A to Colon, Elishah and Williams, Alexander, 10/22, \$212,500
675 Ezra St, Pena, Rosemary to Rodney, Bruce A, 10/22, \$350,000
709 Roy St, Merritt, Carmela B to Never-son, Andre, 10/26, \$249,000
715 Frenchtown Rd Lot 14, Kaiser Nancy S Est and Scott, Pamela C to Marajera, John-carlo, 10/26, \$150,000
840 Seaview Ave Lot 1, Fraser Lane Assoc LLC to Ferrer, Fe A and Ferrer, Robert A, 10/18, \$285,000
844 Huntington Tpke, Lighthouse Partners Grp to Delacruz, Maria and Ortega, Edwin, 10/25, \$320,000
973 Reservoir Ave, Jeanlouis, Jeanpaul to T&Y Mgmt, 10/20, \$197,000
1084-1086 Capitol Ave, Novovic, Nazlija and Novovic, Teufik to Zuniga, Hugo O, 10/25, \$390,000
1143 Iranistan Ave, Fan, Sompco C to Bermejo, Maria M and Bermejo, Lazo G, 10/26, \$300,000
1150-1156 Hancock Ave, Gutelius, William to Pugo-Ayavaca, Jose M and Guaman, Liupanqui, 10/19, \$435,000
1192-1198 E Main St, Vladimirsky, Arkady to KG Realty Group LLC, 10/22, \$60,000
1200-1204 E Main St, Vladimirsky, Arkady to KG Realty Group LLC, 10/22, \$190,000
1340-1342 Madison Ave, Giancarli, Lesana to Joseph A Iannelli RET and Iannelli, Joseph A, 10/22, \$255,851
1375 Madison Ave, Fich Associates LLC to Almidani, Manar A and Almidani, Yasser, 10/25, \$450,000
1401-1405 Park Ave, Depina, Ilda L to Amara-nte, Jose M and Caba, Tejada E, 10/25, \$270,000
1455 Madison Ave Lot B5, Johnson, Serena A and Johnson, Will to Santella, Anthony, 10/18, \$145,000
1791 E Main St, Batista, Mariano to Condo, Maritza and Damian, David, 10/19, \$160,000
1958-1960 North Ave, A1 Properties LLC to Carchi, Maria E, 10/19, \$535,000
2475 Old Town Rd, Sanon, Ismage and Sanon, Monax to Roberts-Hannon, Emilie and Hannon, Michael S, 10/14, \$370,000
2625 Park Ave, Flaxman T and Flaxman, Paul M to Diaz, Alexia M, 10/29, \$105,000
2625 Park Ave Lot 10C, Costello Francis J Est and Costello, David F to Zhang T, 10/12, \$68,000
3245 Madison Ave Lot 12, Keene, Marilou to Rock Hall Gardens LLC, 10/25, \$215,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 119, Sisca, Denise and Sisca Jr, Robert A to Fulco, Brandon, 10/20, \$237,500
3350 Old Town Rd, Vidalis, Olga D to Esqui-lin, Felix E, 10/21, \$299,000

BRISTOL

Donovan Ct Lot 18, Houlihan, Daniel F and Houlihan, Marilyn M to Radcliffe, Paul and Radcliffe, Dina M, 11/9, \$55,000
Indiana St Lot 30, Secure Real Estate Mgmt to Piacentini, Lynn A, 11/8, \$245,000
5 Knibbs Cir Lot 5, Lovett, John J and Lovett, Joan to Dellaera, Frank and Dellaera, Filo-mena, 11/9, \$319,000
21 Pleasant View Ave, Zabawa, Douglas J and Zabawa, Denise M to Cruz-Deodas, Marco J, 11/5, \$270,000
22 Merriman St, Williams, Matthew R to West Coast Fire Pros LLC, 11/5, \$120,000
25 Rogers Rd, Mudry Joella Bouchard Est and Bedard, Paul R to Perez, Cydmary and Camacho, Cristian, 11/10, \$292,000
31 Jay Ln, Morrell, Craig and Morrell, Nicole M to Arsenault, Bruce G and Arsenault, Christine T, 11/9, \$415,000
33 Smith St, Lucyenti, Jody R to Conrad, Kelly, 11/9, \$275,000
45 Noel Ln, Hebert, Gabriella R to York, Jessica, 11/10, \$369,900
45 Trelli Ln, Di Pietro, Mary to White, Chris-topher and White, Laura, 11/9, \$388,500
47 Atkins Ave, Lyman Jr, Wallace R to Grand Manor Holdings LLC, 11/9, \$140,000
56 Briarwood Rd, Pozo, Edwin and Pozo, Crystal to TheriaultJ, Jody, 11/8, \$176,000
57 Hardwick Rd, Mirisola, Anthony J and Mirisola, Phyllis to Smotherman, Bradley, 11/10, \$115,000
58 Deerfield Rd, Apanovitch, Ryan to Padron, Carlos A and Padron, Raquel, 11/9, \$275,000
68 Terryville Ave, Quinion, Heather E to Gonzalez, Nohasses, 11/8, \$160,000
87 Missal Ave, Radaskiewicz E C Est and Deegan, Elizabeth M to Muravnick, Saman-tha, 11/9, \$220,000
93 Atkins Ave, Wentworth-Winchester, Emma to Curtain, Thomas E, 11/5, \$185,000
112 Goodwin St, GMP LLC to Sadiu, Villaz-min, 11/9, \$184,000
116 6th St, Waag Gregory P Est and Konopka, Brittany to Aziz, Mohammed A and Akter, Nigar, 11/9, \$216,000
123 Garfield Rd, Nyberg, Christopher and Nyberg, Jordan to Campailla, Sergio and Campos-Campailla, Yolanda, 11/5, \$160,000
131 Summer St, Gilley 3rd, Roy F and Gilley, Janis J to Martinez-Guancha, Tatiana, 11/5, \$225,000
141 Lewis Rd, Langevin, Paul and Langevin, Irene to Piscane, Rachel M, 11/8, \$195,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 32, Clark, Brian J to Lucenti, Jody R, 11/9, \$145,000
199 Moody St, White, Laura A to Stankow-ski, Marta J, 11/8, \$217,000
266 Burlington Ave, Casey, Robert D and Casey, Jill W to Hayes, Milton, 11/5, \$200,000
295 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 31, Dragon, Norman E to Zaccchia, Joseph F, 11/9, \$90,000
691 Camp St, Fumiatti, Elizabeth A to Orsi, Mary E and Orsi, Joshua R, 11/9, \$265,000

BROOKFIELD

5 Raulica Farm Rd, Zeh, David M and Xeh, Chris M to Chan, John and Poggiogale, Juli-anne, 11/10, \$635,000
6 Boxwood Dr Lot 6, Holisatonic Habitat Hum to Valentine, Eric, 11/9, \$220,000
8 Tommys Ln, Jamison, Christine W to Moreno, Claudia, 11/8, \$450,000
39 Longview Dr, Pagan, Ivan and Pagan, Susan B to Gerlinger, Christienne and Manfred-Gerlinger, J, 11/10, \$395,000

BURLINGTON

19 Mountain Top Pass, Morin, Brian to Tonucci, Michael and Tonucci, Emily, 11/10, \$548,000
20 Rock St, C&Robinson 2013 T and Stefanik 3rd, Paul to Bogazis, Stephanie, 11/9, \$317,500

CANTERBURY

135 Kitt Rd, A Kausch&Sons LLC to Martin, Kim A and Martin, Susan L, 11/8, \$349,900

CANTON

14 Wilders Pass, Parks, James D and Parks, Jennifer to Evans, Jill and Evans, Justin, 11/9, \$661,000
50 E Hill Rd Lot 5B, Kevorkian, Richard C to Vo, Thao and Mathers, Thomas, 11/8, \$135,000
81 Morgan Rd, Rypl, Karen L to Desanti, Christopher R and Desanti, Nicole, 11/12, \$330,000
N/CHESHIRE
N/A, Carol Caley LLC to Polinsky, William, 11/10, \$212,500
7 Balsam Pl, Clearview Mckinley Ests to Morgigno Jr, Paul and Morgigno, Stephanie A, 11/12, \$649,900
76 Glenbrook Dr, Lombardi, Monica to Kycia, Elaine, 11/10, \$440,000
304 Maple Ave, Carew, David to Backus, Stephanie, 11/8, \$309,000
554 Busk Ct, Kycia, Elaine to Furce, Robert J, 11/10, \$705,000
707 Cortland Cir, Gadoury, Allison and Gadoury, Richard to Obeid, Bassam and Nesheiwat, Sara, 11/9, \$470,000
1014 Marion Rd, Groves Lucille G Est and Fortin, Catherine G to Henst, Rene J and Henst, Brittigit, 11/12, \$297,800
2236 Waterbury Rd, Real Est Reinvented LLC to Andrews, Brittany L, 11/10, \$305,000

CHESTER

74 Cedar Lake Rd, Cromack, Robert D and Cromack, Amber to Mondelci, Hilary, 11/8, \$360,000

CLINTON

N/A, Beermuender, Michael F and Beermu-ender, Jennifer E to Ferraro, Christopher, 11/3, \$799,900
2 Kelseytown Rd, Wuestefeld, Paula U to Beermuender, Michael F and Beermuender, Jennifer E, 11/4, \$95,000
4 Fairy Dell Rd, Lycaste LLC to Neto, Valquiria C, 11/3, \$220,000
11 Grovevay Lot C, Matuskiewicz, Edward F and Matuskiewicz, Anne M to Demers FT and Demers, William M, 11/2, \$875,000
20 N High St, Mkcarrlin LLC to 20 North High St Assoc, 11/5, \$425,000
67 Grove St, Kozloski, Patrick and Bunk, Susan-Kate to Latinen, Amy, 11/5, \$476,000
179 Waterside Ln, Hammock River Marina LLC to Emp CT2 LLC, 11/4, \$3,750,000
203 Cow Hill Rd, Luchuk, Jacob A to Grego-riack, John J, 11/5, \$260,000
280 E Main St Lot A3, Salafia, Denise to Caprio Homes LLC, 11/8, \$75,000

COLCHESTER

59 Mill Hill Rd, Zawistowski, Dennis G to Pariser Enterprises LLC, 11/8, \$135,000
76 Cirillo Dr, Churchill, Heidi and Churchill, Douglas to Pytel, Cheryl M, 11/10, \$505,000
892 Middletown Rd, Cameron, Christopher A and Cameron, Dawn M to Walmer, Jane M, 11/9, \$340,000

COLUMBIA

1375 Madison Ave, Keegan, Scott M and Keegan, Lori A to Jordan, Brianna and Jordan, Bran-don, 11/10, \$400,000
561 Route 82, Kate W Haakonsen RET and Haakonsen, Kate W to Dame, William K and Dame, Lorrie, 11/10, \$400,000

COVENTRY

105 Cedar Swamp Rd, Smith Donald W Est and Pinney, Marie C to Brierley, Donna and Brierley, Bret, 11/10, \$129,500

DANBURY

Pembroke Rd, Vrba, Ivan and Vrba, Jane to 3775 LLC, 11/8, \$207,000
N/A, Oravetz, Robert G to Silva, Michael and Silva, Deborah, 11/8, \$125,000
1 Blackstone Ct Lot 1, Valentin, Benoit and Martin, Isabelle to Evans, Richard, 11/10, \$625,000
2 Horseshoe Dr, Rotella Irene B Est and Dorfese, Annmarie to Siguenza, Cintia and Siguenza, Carlos, 11/8, \$350,000
3 Middle River Rd, Falkner, Andrea J and Szabo, Andrea R to Rafferty, Mairead B and Werner, Andrew, 11/1, \$265,000
3 Pembroke Rd, Bouteiller LT and Bouteiller, Elaine M to 3775 LLC, 11/8, \$250,000
4 Moorland Dr Lot 4, Maarten Huygens Horse Sal to Leisure, Lori, 11/2, \$437,500
5 Fairview Ter, Scherweni, Hansen L and Brabant, Michele E to Guerrero, Tracy R and Rath, Vet, 11/4, \$360,000
5 Homestead Ave, Hedgerow Properties LLC to Hustonian, Zahid and Chaudhry, Shazia, 11/3, \$380,000
5 Maplecrest Dr, Grauer, Jonathan and Grauer, Danielle M to Speidell, Paul F and Speidell, Nancy L, 11/8, \$559,900
5 Nicholas St, Gakev, Lazar and Gakeva, Illian to Lewis, Tammie and Hodges, Gwen-dolyn W, 11/4, \$484,000
5 Seminole Dr, Nassif, Nancy M to Coelho Jr, Geraldo A, 11/4, \$290,000
6 Stark Tor, Barboza, Indiana A and Barboza, Luis to Vazquez-Lopez, Ruth M, 11/9, \$345,000
7 Aaron B Samuels Blvd, Hogan, Jacqueline A and Hogan, William G to Albella, Simon and Albella, Alejandrina, 11/2, \$670,000
7 Brentwood Cir Lot 7, Toll CT 3 LP to Raca-nelli, Rose, 11/3, \$770,000
7 Johnson Dr, Duran, Raymond E and Nardone, Eva to Esilva, Welder J and Mach-ado, Kennia L, 11/4, \$427,000
8 South St Lot A5, Kovacs, Michael J to Perez, Denise, 11/2, \$295,000
9 Corner Pond Ct, Longo, Robert A and Longo, Diane M to Minichello, Lawrence and Minichello, Marilyn, 11/12, \$849

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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11/8, \$6,300,000
38 Riverside Ln, Burgess, Carlene L to Dandrea, Joseph and Dandrea, Megan E, 11/9, \$835,000
41 Greenway Dr, Rangel, Columba and Rangel, Ramon to Kemka, Jennifer N and Kemka, Joseph R, 11/10, \$910,000
45 Willow Rd, Metalios, Joy K and Metalios, Steve A to Lazenby, Ashleigh J and Lazenby, Riga G, 11/9, \$4,680,000
51 Forest Ave Lot 24, Stockbridge, Carol and Stockbridge, George to Moran, Mary, 11/12, \$790,000
73 Hillcrest Park Rd, Pavelic, Christopher I and Pavelic, Eugenie M to Kuesel, Jane L and Kuesel, Robert, 11/8, \$2,212,500
85 Indian Head Rd, 85 Indian Head Rd LLC to Seidelmann, Scott P and Seidelmann, Sara B, 11/5, \$5,412,000
91 Prospect St, Barun, Ela and Barun, Ivan to Colangelo, Michael, 11/8, \$740,000
170 Overlook Dr, Abbot, Marcia B and Abbot 4th, Waldo M to Kim, Daniel E and Kim, Yoonhee, 11/10, \$3,100,000
262 Stanwich Rd, Sage, Dewitt L to Gerrish, Hadley M and Gerrish, James M, 11/8, \$2,345,000
304 Valley Rd, Tiriolo, Brian and Tiriolo 3rd, Frank A to Du, Zijiang and Xu, Yuehong, 11/8, \$720,000
569 Round Hill Rd, Miron, Debra S and Miron, Michael to Casulo, Carlo and Koenig, Cynthia, 11/9, \$3,628,888

GRISWOLD

11-13 Pulaski St, Grabowy, Steven J to Rojas, Andres and Rojas, Jasmin, 11/12, \$230,000
139 E Main St, Yonts, Elizabeth A to Boyer, Catherine, 11/9, \$273,000
359 Bitgood Rd, Colter, Nicole M to Anderson, Stuart L, 11/9, \$260,000

GROTON

Sacred Heart Dr, Orlando, James M to Sacred Heart Drive LLC, 11/5, \$35,000
3 Midway Oval, Klewin, Joy to BLH RT LLC, 11/2, \$172,000
3 Water St Lot 201, 3 Water Street LLC to Webster, Tera and Webster, Jeremy, 11/1, \$660,000
10 Bayside Ave, Beaudoin, Martha J and Beaudoin, Mary E to Steele Jr, George H and High, Katherine A, 11/2, \$1,300,000
10 Sharon Rd, Neyarapally, George to Hicks, Roland M, 11/3, \$250,000
23 Cottage St, Carr, Shannon C to Griswold, Curtis S and Griswold, Katie, 11/1, \$210,000
25 Yetter Rd, Greene, Robert B and Greene, Stephanie A to Banks, Scott, 11/2, \$345,000
37 Bakers Cy, Forestland Dev LLC to Riesen-berg, Derek, 11/10, \$245,000
61 Brookview Ct, Mcguirk, Paul S and Mcguirk, Angela M to Machado, Amadeu S and Machado, Isabel, 11/10, \$690,000
69 Bay View Ave, Ball, Jeremy I and Ball, Christina to Sharkey, Michael, 11/8, \$515,500
70 Bel Aire Dr, Sandoval, Renee D to Grothoff, Daniel J and Grothoff, Carolyn L, 11/8, \$325,000
75 Crown Knoll Ct Lot 102, Kamuf, Donald P to Healy, Mark R, 11/1, \$126,000
90 Welles Rd, Silver Oak LLC to Silver Oak 90 Welles Rd, 11/9, \$2,780,000
124 Brook St, Kennedy, David A and Kennedy, Denise A to Hewes, Sean and Seis-dedos, Jennifer, 11/8, \$640,000
128 Meridian St Lot 213, Peters, Michael B to Livada, Jovan, 11/5, \$175,000
375 Allyn St Lot B9, Wills, Marjorie A to Rotella, Catherine M, 11/2, \$400,000
1291 North Rd, Benedict, Gregory J to Lefebvre, Stephen J, 11/5, \$421,000
1985 Gold Star Hwy, Anunciado, Lucina G and Anunciado, Nador J to Terry, Joshua T, 11/2, \$415,000

GUILFORD

N/A, Davis, Thomas B and Davis, Meredith C to Ellihollow, Michael, 11/9, \$13,900
59 Wilderwood Dr, Ifkovic, William T and Ifkovic, Diane P to Elshenawy, Mohamed, 11/8, \$620,000
68 Meadow St, Billings, Christine L to Pope, Stacey C, 11/9, \$220,000
93 White Birch Dr, Weissenborn W 2nd Est and Shafer, Marc to Torpey, Raymond C and Torpey, Nancy A, 11/8, \$415,000
95 Dohm Ave, Thomas, June H to Macleod Jr, Douglas E and Macleod, Allison E, 11/9, \$310,000
173 Whitfield St, Platt, Christopher C and Kwelek, Shelley to Choinet, Colleen M, 11/12, \$810,000
445 Podunk Rd, Vango LLC to Oconnor, Christopher and Oconnor, Mary A, 11/8, \$355,000

HADDAM

6 Newberry St, Hunter Build LLC and Rogers Jr, Robert L to Peterson, Michael D and Peterson, Erin E, 11/9, \$454,966
10 Newberry St, Hunter Build LLC and Rogers Jr, Roert L to Schaefer Jr, Thomas J and Schaeffer, Karl A, 10/26, \$511,118
11 Walkley Hill Rd, Johansen, Douglas and Johansen, Cody to Lacombe, Kevin and Lacombe, Tracy, 11/1, \$70,000
24 Haddam View Hts, Mar Jean A Kuchyt LT and Kuchyt, Mar J to Montgomery, David, 10/26, \$135,000
36 Cedar Lake Rd, Saunders, Emma E to Luppino, Michael, 11/1, \$215,000
81 Coyote Trl, JMS Contracting LLC to Spicer, Michael S and Knopp, Hilary, 11/9, \$640,000
123 Brault Hill Rd, Hunt, Cherylann and Hunt, Jeffrey W to Rindfleisch, Michelle, 11/8, \$350,000
173 Burr Rd, Turner, William M and Turner, Carolyn J to Gallagher, Jeffrey and Gallag-her, Jocelyne, 11/4, \$435,000
1721 Saybrook Rd, Serendipitous Hldg LLC to Terraavet Third VBF Mastr, 10/26, \$619,508

HAMDEN

N/A, Sass, Kimberlee and Sass, Kathleen to Harding Rev Mgmt T and Harding, James C, 11/8, \$482,000
16 Linden Ave, Zichichi, Joseph J to Delieto, Nicholas S and Delieto, Allison C, 11/10, \$215,000
26 High Top Cir, Abdelsayed, Wafeek to VJ Homes LLC, 11/10, \$375,000
76 Bender Rd, Moskowitz, Andrew to Lind-say, Natalia and Byfield, Kareen, 11/10, \$300,000
106 Filbert St, Cadden, Christopher S and Packtor, Jordanna K to Ellmore, Ian, 11/9, \$330,000
107 Dix St, Sydnor, Mary to ABCD Invest-ments DE LLC, 11/9, \$185,000
109 Dix St, Sydnor, Mary to ABCD Invest-ments DE LLC, 11/9, \$185,000
134 4th St, USA HUD to Poindexter, Natey-sha S, 11/12, \$113,000
162 Braeside Dr, Carlow Edward Est and Carlow, Donald N to CIR Investment LLC, 11/8, \$265,000
190 S New Rd, RZ Enterprises LLC to Segui, Betsy, 11/10, \$275,000
208 Towne House Rd Lot 208, Zektser, Igor to Tomlinson, Lori K, 11/9, \$89,000
264 Anns Farm Rd, Michie, Troy G to Nich-olas, Kenneth and Nicholas, Willetta, 11/8, \$279,500
365 Mather St Lot 68, Gagne, Jeremy P and Gagne, Sarah to Markleski, Melissa, 11/10, \$95,000
1240 Whitney Ave Lot B, Stopka, Walter J and Stopka, Yang H to Hamid, Saleem A, 11/10, \$119,900
1315 Dunbar Hill Rd, Kozlowski, Frances R to Destefano, Tyler, 11/8, \$250,000
3711 Whitney Ave Lot 3, Morley, Melissa S and White, Nathan E to Cain, Thomas, 11/10, \$195,000

HAMPTON

199 Preston Rd, Cady, Daniel S and Cady, Karen A to Cheverie, Alicia and Cheverie, Ryan J, 11/9, \$28,840

HARTFORD

Montview Lot 149, Aniello Leonard C Est and Aberle, Josephine C to Willis Holdings LLC, 11/12, \$140,000
11-13 Putnam Hts, Catfish Enterprises LLC to Putnam LLC, 11/8, \$305,000

19-33 Lafayette St, DCR Realty LLC to 29 Lafayette St LLC, 11/12, \$120,000
20 Townley St Lot 140B, Odoi, Leslie R to Hrybanau, Raman and Korolova, Maryna, 11/9, \$47,500
26 Raleigh Dr, 89 Oak St LLC to Harris, Matthew and Harris, Salome, 11/10, \$130,000
28 Bannister St, Perez, Jose R to Otero, Angel, 11/9, \$100,000
28 Garfield St, Hamilton Gloria Est and Hamilton, Pauline to Dwyer, Terry L, 11/10, \$245,000
30 Roslyn St, Ortiz, Yolanda and US Bank NA to US Bank NA Tr, 11/9, \$172,500
30-32 Garfield St, Fuller, Everton and Cran-ston, Gladys to Lee, Ketanta A and Millwood, Sonia P, 11/8, \$275,000
37 Curtiss St, Wilson, Michelle to Chambers Jr, Michelle, 11/9, \$151,000
40 Owen St Lot E7, Tudisco, Stephen F to 40 Owen LLC, 11/12, \$59,000
41 Standish St, Etton&Co LLC to Hall Sr, Kemar A, 11/10, \$282,500
51 Babcock St, Benjamin, George S to Aimable, Monfort and Aimable, Betty L, 11/12, \$290,000
53 Bond St, Reid, Nyan to Bond 1818 LLC, 11/8, \$350,000
85 Euclid St W, Wilson, Marva E to Donald, Josette R, 11/8, \$160,000
115 Whitney St, Brown, Brien P and Harrington, Thomas S to Holland, Me, 11/9, \$360,000
120 Westland St, Sierra, Arnaldo J to Jenkin-son, Gardalee A and Jenkinson, Franklin N, 11/10, \$325,000
140 Adams St, Edward, Peter to Atkinson, Isaac A, 11/9, \$260,000
140 Maple Ave Lot B, Ramirez, Jose O and Ramirez, Adrianna to Green, Martel and Green, Syrette, 11/8, \$95,000
160 Fairfield Ave Lot 2, Vahidy, Fahd A to Yazo, Colleen, 11/8, \$97,500
196 Franklin Ave, ADP Properties LLC to Ramos, Pedro J, 11/9, \$330,000
243-245 Jefferson St, Colon, Hector L and Colon, Sandra M to Robinson, Roanna D, 11/10, \$280,000
246 Maple Ave, Catfish Enterprises LLC to 244 Maple LLC, 11/8, \$460,000
268 Mountain St, Cabrera, William L to Robles, Judy, 11/8, \$190,000
293 Sargeant St, Redway, Hazel to Capel-lan, Joshua and Thomas, Latasha, 11/9, \$334,000
311 White St, Hutchinson, Carole V to Chambers Jr, Michael, 11/9, \$145,000
426 W Preston St, Salmon, Carlos to Altius, Rick, 11/8, \$158,500
471-473 Garden St, Hartford Land Bank Inc to Sago LLC, 11/10, \$85,000
573 Garden St Lot 573, Hooks, Vincent L to Nogard, Maxine and Miller, Marcia, 11/8, \$70,000
635 Farmington Ave, D&G Realty Invs LLC to CJM Properties LLC, 11/10, \$1,400,000
2940 Main St, Henriques&Co LLC to Reyn-olds, Sheldon and Jones, Jacqueline, 11/8, \$350,000

HARWINTON

90 Plymouth Rd, Zavatsky, Karen H to Lipp 4d, Joseph J and Lipp, Ethather, 11/10, \$300,000

HEBRON

436 West St, Querido, David B to Maggioni, Nicola and Bayona, Paloma, 11/10, \$311,002

KENT

102 Kent Rd, Deitz, Kenneth B and Deitz, Barbara S to Raskind, Donald, 11/10, \$225,000

KILLINGLY

30 Cross St, Belletti, Steven and Congdon, Maegan L to Gurin, Maxine, 11/9, \$205,000
43 North St, Roy, Nockolas A and Casey, Christa C to Coons, Lauren E, 11/8, \$275,000
73 State Ave, Capiga, David H and Capiga, Michael P to Davis, James M and Davis, Mary B, 11/4, \$220,000
125 Soap St, Politis, Chrysvalantis and Politis, Ourania C to Reilly, Patricia A, 11/8, \$231,000
207 Margaret Henry Rd, Piccione, Bonni to Phillips, Sheila, 11/10, \$80,000
213 Wheatley St, Morrisette, Carol J to Brennan, Paige, 11/4, \$231,000
264 Breakneck Hill Rd, Browning Construc-tion LLC to Combs, Irene B and Miller, Tracy R, 11/5, \$255,000
506 Kataline Way, Errara, Andrea to Fellows, Darius P and Tasca-Fellows, Elisabeth, 11/8, \$302,000
612 Chestnut Hill Rd, Frink, Amy and Vincent, Jason to Sears, Jesse F and Robbio, Anthony T, 11/8, \$289,900

KILLINGWORTH

N/A, MJM Self Storage Of Clant to Burley FT and Burley, Evelyn E, 11/12, \$265,000
20 Forest Glen Rd, Rindfleisch, Jeffrey A and Rindfleisch, Michelle to Green, Soo J and Green, Spencer, 11/8, \$568,725
47 Chittenden Rd, Grous, Jahala to Kovacs, Michael J, 11/8, \$600,000
82 Chittenden Rd, Buy Of Sell Realty LLC to Smith, Amanda J, 11/9, \$425,000
89 Blueberry Hill Reserve, Mccall, Jeanette M to Wilson, Steven R and Wilson, Jean H, 11/8, \$480,000

LEBANON

54 Norwich Ave, Rubio, Manuel J and Wolfram-Rubio, Olivia to Tormanidis, Haralambos and Tormanandis, Chrisoula D, 11/12, \$559,000
56 Hillcrest Hts, Gordon, Phyllis C to Coccia, Brandy L and Coccia 2nd, Louis A, 11/8, \$265,000
1384 Trumbull Hwy, Schleicher, David A to Palishaw, Matthew, 11/12, \$230,000
LEDYARD
9 Barn Rd, Mackin, Shane to Mann, Kevin L, 11/8, \$240,000
42 Richard Rd, Roussakies, John C and Roussakies, Yvonne W to Buske, Jamie M, 11/8, \$283,000
53 Seabury Ave, Andrews, Ryan P to Griesenbeck, Vanessa and Penrose, Paul, 11/9, \$374,500
1742 Route 12 Lot 5F, Stellato, Joseph M to Delrussio, Richard, 11/8, \$62,500

LITCHFIELD

Hidden Pond Ln, JKC Land Development LLC to Drouin, Denise and Hendricks, John, 11/8, \$319,000
12 Indian Knls Lot 12, Pratt, Richard R to Mugavero, Joanne, 11/8, \$525,000
51 Tapping Reeve Vlg Lot 51, Smith Joan Est and Brightly, Angela H to Saeva, Gerald and Smith, Madeline, 11/9, \$190,000

MADISON

Blakeman Rd, Shoreline Unitarian Univ to Egan, Marie E and Pappas, Gregory, 11/10, \$47,500
Boston Post Rd, Naizby, Leslie M to Almo, Peter and Almo, Amy, 11/9, \$1,600,000
Randi Dr, Small, Jodie R to Jacobs Escape LLC, 11/8, \$305,000
Strathmore Farms Lot 14-7, J Sanford Davis RET and Leanne, Elizabeth L to Rosen-blatt, Bruce and Rosenblatt, Nancy, 11/8, \$735,000
11 Madison Sq, Bradley Road Assoc LP to Senior Health&REtirement, 11/8, \$245,000
19 Yankee Glen Rd Lot 19, Equity T Co to Peritz, Edward B, 11/10, \$381,000
32 Nathans Ln, Masse, Vera to Kelly, Kristo-pher and Kelly, Mildred, 11/9, \$299,900
39 Acorn Rd, Barbara K Kleutsch RET and Kleutsch, Barbara K to Wang, Xiaorong and Cheng, Henan, 11/8, \$515,000
67 Boston Post Rd Lot 3, Marquis, John and Marquis, Caroline to Walsh, Andrew, 11/8, \$460,000

MANCHESTER

N/A, Barlow, Alyce to Allen, Frederic, 11/9, \$200,000
1 Lincoln St, Carpenter, Brian to Diaz, Jerry, 11/10, \$169,000
14 Lucian St, Hopperstad, Cathy to Burgos, Luis S and Weaver, Lucas R, 11/12, \$215,000
19 Trevor Ct, Redstone Realty LLC to Wishart, Debbie, 11/9, \$75,000
20 Treble Dr, Marandino, Jason F and

Marandino, Vanessa M to Nickson, Corey L, 11/12, \$225,000
21 Phelps Rd, Moretz, Donald T to Tetteh, Lovelina A, 11/12, \$239,900
31 Middle Tpkw W, Nefre LLC to Ortiz, Carlos, 11/10, \$167,500
43 Meadow Ln, Barnett, William R and Barnett, Jenny L to Rodriguez, Richard and Rappoli, Nico M, 11/8, \$363,000
48 Durant St, Doll, William E and Doll, Cheryl A to Babcock Jr, Donald W, 11/9, \$180,000
53 Dougherty St, Portilla, John H and Portilla, Marilyn to Asivbour, Mary, 11/9, \$206,500
62 Niles Dr, Dockum, Darcie and Bertone, Eric to Casey, Kimberley A, 11/12, \$245,000
65 Arcellia Rd, Sisco Helen Robertson Est and Sisco-Lesaffre, Janet to Guertin, Tara, 11/10, \$237,000
70 Oxford St, Mastrangeli, Luciane C and Mastrangeli, Michael A to Montanez, Liith A, 11/8, \$210,000
70 Parker St, Noddem, Rochelle R to Parker Street LLC, 11/8, \$250,000
77 Kennedy Rd, Peters, Kathleen P and Faulds-Willars, Eva to Frattaroli, Samuel J and Willard, Melanie A, 11/10, \$273,000
110 Clinton St, Castro, Sebastiano to Weir, Gervaise F, 11/8, \$272,000
114 Amherst Dr, Faucher, Rita M to Chea, Sovandarith, 11/12, \$370,000
125 Briarwood Dr, Foster, Janet L to Christo-pher, Brian and Christopher, Neidra L, 11/8, \$310,000
130 Bayberry Rd, Babyberry Developers LLC to Greenberg, Fred M and Greenberg, Pamela C, 11/8, \$85,000
130 Utopia Rd Lot 12, C&J Properties LLC to Diant Pharm Inc, 11/12, \$170,000
133 Birch St, Crossley, Sherry E and Cross-ley, Michael A to Mangual, Yomaira I, 11/10, \$169,250
152 Cooper Hill St Lot 152, Smith, Athena M to Sweeney, Lisa J, 11/8, \$112,000
153 W Center St, Van Time, Angle P to Orenpo, Maria D, 11/12, \$225,000
160 Bayberry Rd, Bayberry Developers LLC to Rooke, Gary D and Rooke, Elaine M, 11/9, \$90,000
219 Oakland St Lot A, Herman, Rebecca to Tang, Xuan, 11/9, \$160,000
225 Vernon St, Deschamps, Daniel to Jones, Paula M and Jones, Kisha T, 11/10, \$390,000
395 Highland St, Malone, Chad to Hubster, Brendan A, 11/12, \$205,000
424 Main St, Form, Statutory to Oates, Norman and Oates, Ashley, 11/9, \$275,500

MARLBOROUGH

17 Ridgewood Dr, Barr, Christine to Dolce, William and Dolce, Nadiya, 11/5, \$247,500
22 Mayflower Dr, Taylor, Darius M to Popovic, Kristina and Obrien, Eric, 11/12, \$330,000
102 Pettengill Rd, Anderson, David B and Anderson, Carolyn E to Dewart Jr, John S and Gardner, Micaela, 11/12, \$315,000
127 Chapman Rd, Dorothy Shevchenko IRT and Shevchenko, Ivan P to Vitarelli, Ronald R and Vitarelli, Traci A, 11/9, \$620,000

MERIDEN

N/A, 194 East Woodland LLC to Carroll, Nicholas, 11/12, \$120,000
10 Woodland Rdg Lot 10, Lasker, Shelley A to Guzowski, Stephan, 11/9, \$186,370
22 Lanouette St, Orta, Miguel and Delrio-Mendez, Yadira to Reyes-Malsonet, Daniel A, 11/8, \$228,000
25 Winding Brook Ln, Carabetta, Carole A to Terrenzi, Ryan C and Chichester, Patricia L, 11/12, \$245,000
31 Benjamin St, Crespo, Hector to Cabanilla, Jennilyn, 11/12, \$205,000
33 John George Dr, Tabanski, Jerzy to Ventura, Kathie A, 11/12, \$345,000
35 Pleasant St Lot 1B, Kahn, Benjamin to Mae Enterprise LLC, 11/9, \$58,000
40 Wilbur Ave, Bird Jr, Harry C and Bird, Kristine A to Rivera, Adam L and Carrero, Jamelyn, 11/8, \$233,600
47 N Spring St, Dominiello Sr, Matthew C to Tenemaza, Angel, 11/8, \$100,000
65 Hitchcock Dr, Cacula, Christopher M to Rodriguez, Jacqueline M, 11/8, \$235,010
68 Sage Hill Rd, Escobar, Peter J and Escor-bar, Barbara R to Mendoza, Gerardo, 11/12, \$281,000
87 Broad St, Moran, Gerardo to Brown, Renee M, 11/9, \$229,900
87 Lowe Ave, Pudvah, Laura to Vazquez, William and Rodriguez-Rosa, Nancy L, 11/9, \$250,000
90 Wilbur Ave, Mickiewicz Jr, Michael to Gazerwitz, David, 11/10, \$208,000
91 Kim Ln, Konareski, Tammy S to Garcia, Christopher L, 11/12, \$280,000
97 Baldwin Ave, Norton, David M to Stuckey, Malaidda, 11/12, \$237,500
99 Alexander Dr, Pucillo, James W to Hernandez, Glendaly, 11/10, \$250,000
114 Plumb Ave, Konopka, Raymond M and Konopka, Carol to Royalty, Spencer and Lopresti, Jessica, 11/8, \$230,000
114 View St, Boss Realty Associates to Drak-efords-Gonzalez, E M, 11/18, \$240,000
180 4th St, Tirsense Investment Group to Goldson, Vivene and Goldson, Rory, 11/9, \$170,000
219 S Broad St, Diaz-Acevedo, Linda A to Dagostino, Kenneth and Dagostino, Della, 11/9, \$76,000
363 Liberty St, Black, Donald to Soto-Me-lendez, Luis E and Adames-Diaz, Maria R, 11/12, \$262,700
404 Center St, Simon Apple Porperties to 404 Center St Holdings, 11/12, \$300,000

MIDDLEBURY

1384 Trumbull Hwy, Schleicher, David A to Palishaw, Matthew, 11/12, \$230,000
281 Watertown Rd, Bjorkander, Glen R and Bosko, Sara J to Guo, Xin, 11/12, \$219,000

MIDDLEFIELD

345 Main St, Cady, Michael J and Cady, Wendy F to Nketia, Anthony and Nketia, Heather, 11/9, \$400,000
1 Stirling Ct, Murphy, Keith to Nyhus, Paul and Nyhus, Christina, 11/10, \$200,000
2 Blue Grass Dr, J&Marie D Maltese T and Maltese, John P to Ricciardi, Alexander P, 11/9, \$220,000
6 W Silver St, Apollonia Real Estate LLC to McGrath Dental Prop LLC, 11/12, \$820,000
7 Trolley Crossing Ln Lot 7, Gudaittis, Donna J to Kuczynski, Jaanet B, 11/8, \$182,500
43 Buttner St, Mathiason Shirley Ann Est and Smith, Alisa to Lawler Jr, George V, 11/12, \$205,111
43 Reno Dr, Grippo 2014 LT and Grippo, Peter A to Watson, Christine and Gonzalez, Xavier M, 11/10, \$380,000
45 Chamberlain Rd, Sinagra, Robert D and Sinagra, Susan E to Snowhite, Bret and Snowhite, Tiffany, 11/10, \$469,900
50 Lucinda Ln, Larry, Rathbone and Cmnty Loan Servicing LLC to Antonovici, Julian, 11/8, \$113,000
55 Hunting Hill Ave, Pascarella, Raffaella to Boggala, Rajkiran, 11/9, \$370,000
60 Prospect St, Tallmadge, James H to Right Choice Prop LLC, 11/4, \$83,500
97 Chestnut St, Seagraave, Robert to Shinn, Robin S, 11/8, \$233,000
105 Ballfall Rd, Eames, Cheryl E to Ruocco, Kyle, 11/12, \$263,000
171 Prospect St, Curry, Mitchell F to Pryor, Michael N, 11/12, \$185,000
187 Ridge Rd, Schlikte Tted Est and Beck-ett, Suzann L to Flipside 3 Invs LLC, 11/8, \$130,000
200 Main St Ext, Apollonia Real Estate LLC to McGrath Dental Prop LLC, 11/12, \$820,000
222 Handley St, Driscoll, Gregory A to Laau, Susan, 11/3, \$240,000
256 Westfield St, Baumann Jr, Michael G to Angersola, David and Angersola, Deborah, 11/9, \$300,000

MILFORD

6-F Glenwood Condo Lot 6F, Jenkins, Joseph to Kaandallaff, Michael, 11/3, \$150,000
10 Westport Pl, Warrek, Edward to Premiere Prop Grp 4 LLC, 11/9, \$475,000
14 Oakland Ave, Touri, Thomas to Benja-min, Cary M and Benjamin, Andrea Z, 11/5, \$535,000
16 Salem Walk Lot 16, Daigle, Claire M to Ronshagan, Sarah, 11/5, \$220,000
23 Darina Pl, Losi, Kristin and Smith Jr, David A to Labud, Jennifer and Meiman, Aimee, 11/4, \$410,000
38 Bayshore Dr, Rubenstein, David to Schultz, Nathan, 11/9, \$800,000
53 Spring Ln, Calzone, Amber L to Defalco, Frances and Murphy, Chrisina, 11/9, \$330,000
67 Cooper Ave, Calabro, Michael A to Arti-san Hm Ress LLC, 11/9, \$195,000
62 Greenview Ln Lot 52, Mcguire, Sarah to Rowland, Jameson D, 11/9, \$183,000
53 Spring Ln, Calzone, Amber L to Defalco, Frances and Murphy, Chrisina, 11/9, \$330,000
67 Cooper Ave, Calabro, Michael A to Arti-san Hm Ress LLC, 11/9, \$195,000
62 Greenview Ln Lot 52, Mcguire, Sarah to Rowland, Jameson D, 11/9, \$183,000
53 Spring Ln, Calzone, Amber L to Defalco, Frances and Murphy, Chrisina, 11/9, \$330,000
158 Chapel St, 158 Chapel St Assoc LLC to Blue Astoria Invs LLC, 11/9, \$535,000
159 Kings Hwy Lot 22, Chadwick, Susan to Silver, Toby B, 11/8, \$195,000
175 Broadway, Equity T Co to Capone, Deborah, 11/9, \$410,000
190 Buckingham Ave, Ambergis LLC to MS Buckingham Assoc LLC, 11/8, \$525,000
551 Orange Ave, Triple R Developers LLC to Kirkham, Edward, 11/3, \$225,000

MONROE

2 Zoar Lk, Gustafson, Karl to Paredes, Diego, 11/8, \$147,000
37 Stillmeadow Csr Lot 37, Greene, Elizabeth and Lavalie, Robert to Stansbury, Marian, 11/9, \$300,000
265 Pastors Walk, Hurvul, Deborah A and Hurvul, Theodore M to Morales, Diana and Vargas, Felipe A, 11/8, \$410,000
MONTVILLE
8 Cypress Rd, Watson, Monique T to Thorp, Sarah and Botticello, David C, 11/12, \$299,900
8 Tecoomas Dr, Fish, William F to Wu, Pei J and Yang-Wu, Qui F, 11/8, \$261,000
14 Jerome Ave, Elmcoach LLC to Montgom-ery, Ramik, 11/12, \$202,000
16 Florida Dr, Deschenes, David J and Moreau, Mindy A to Baton, Zackary R, 11/12, \$235,000
28 Park Ave Est, Davies, Lisa R to Oqui-nones, Alexis X, 11/8, \$240,000
37 Carol Dr, Heikkinen, James to Buitrago, Tomas F, 11/9, \$225,000
229 Moxley Rd, Williams, Bruce and Williams, Tiffany E to Malinowsky, Jamie M, 11/8, \$206,000

NAUGATUCK

44 Gorman St, Stgermain Sr, Robert J to Rivera, Omyajirai, 11/9, \$308,000
45 Anderson St, Dasilva, Cerza to Mullins, Roderick D, 11/9, \$305,000
69 Carriage Dr, Teixeira, Deborah A to Debritto, Emanuel and Manzanillo, Esmeriln P, 11/10, \$280,000
163 Highland Ave, Cristofano, Anthony J and Lebeau, Jacquelyn N to Rodolfo, Rocio S and Zosel, Antonio, 11/9, \$225,000
167 Horton Hill Rd, Simmons Mark A Est and Simmons, Denise B to Shigo, Nicholas, 11/8, \$220,000
701 Beacon Valley Rd Lot 27, Coe, Dawn to Levey, Alice, 11/9, \$116,000

NEW BRITAIN

15 Collins St, Dornelas Hm Improvement to Rozario, Bipul W and Rozario, Himani S, 11/8, \$233,500
30 N Mountain Rd Lot F, Gaus, Franz J and Gaus, Franz J to Bielinski, Christiansa M and Glanville, William, 11/9, \$70,000
32 Emily Dr, Wilzen Rebecca Est and Colan-der Jr, John to Filip It LLC, 11/2, \$100,000
33 Magnolia St, Briones, Fermin A to Rowe, Oniel, 11/8, \$250,000
39 Wendy Ln, Rivera, Evelyn to Jinete, Alex-ander A, 11/10, \$285,000
43 Union St, Allen, Julian and Allen, Nydia to Youngs, Arcis, 11/9, \$185,500
51 Clinton St, Bumbera, Kimberly A and Bumbera 3rd, Frank W to Royal Realty Hold-ings LLC, 11/8, \$142,000
55 Lawlor St, Joel Real Estate LLC to Ponar-ski, Mieczyslaw, 11/4, \$126,000
57 Federal Cir, Garabedian Roxxy Est and Garabedian, Garabed to Right Choice Prop LLC, 11/4, \$178,216
60 Bradford Walk, Carling, Duane D and Cheng, Christine M to Manchuri, Dharani and Manchuri, Nagalakshmi, 11/1, \$484,000
72 Green St, Floyd Jr, Woodrow and Floyd, James A to Bronhart, Marek, 11/1, \$132,000
106 Lincoln St, Brasile, James L and Brasile, Elaine P to Bowden, Kiede, 11/9, \$300,000
124 Lawlor St, Benard, Dennis and Benard, Eileen to Ramos, Rene, 11/5, \$115,000
37 Queen St, Tauanu, Mary E to Navedo, Maria, 11/10, \$199,000
139 Charles St, Fitzgerald, Sara H to Knapp, Shannon D, 11/9, \$175,000
15 Daly Ave, Hernandez, Reynaldo to Vermani, Harprit and Vermani, Varun, 11/10, \$270,000
184 Texas Dr, Diliberto, Jared A to Mayette, Crystal I, 11/10, \$225,000
331 Glen St, Lashenka, Christine R to Char-ter Oak Prop 31 LLC, 11/9, \$110,000
410 Farmington Ave Lot Q6, Aina, Opeyemi O to Solivan, Jose A, 11/9, \$139,100
471 Park St, Luppino, Michael A to CKW Park LLC, 11/2, \$419,500
920 W Main St, Cax Realty LLC to Laurel Cour LLC, 11/1, \$950,000
1241 East St Lot B2, Moore, Wayne A to Jimenez, Osvaldo and Sims, Violet, 11/2, \$70,000

NEW CANAAN

30 Jeffill Mill Rd, Costa, Raphael and Costa, Carla to Calabretta, Roger, 10/18, \$1,100,000
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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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137 W Main St, Plude, Ken-Taro to Saul, Edward J and Saul, Allison, 11/1, \$235,000
224 East St, Damiano, Nicole, 11/8, \$19,000, Caroline, 11/1, \$290,000
276 Camp St, Dilawar, Afreen J and Dilawar, Shamaila A to Kalyanaraman, Anandraman and Anandram, Durga, 11/12, \$344,000

PLYMOUTH

South St, Castellano, Angel and Castellano, Mary F to Dawson, Dale and Dawson, Betty, 11/9, \$50,000
18 Bristol St, Gill, Nancy A to Caco, Adelina and Caco, Spartak, 11/10, \$750,000
19 Maple Ave, Pergoda, Sharon J to Ireland, Brian and Ireland, Nicole, 11/8, \$19,000
109 Harwinton Ave, Pelltier, Sylvia J to Sanchez-Guzman, Julio C, 11/9, \$195,000

PORTLAND

6 Olson Ave, Hakin, Josephe to Vogt, Kurt W and Vogt, Lori A, 11/8, \$255,000
9 Perry Ave, Rauns, Kevin J to Lecleir, Ashley R, 11/9, \$200,000
21 Tuccitto Rd, Bagadinski, Henry to Cooper, Luiren E, 11/8, \$230,000

PRESTON

8 Amos Rd, Luna, Laura K to Delgado, Eric W, 11/12, \$269,000
13 Halls Mill Rd, Coastal Venture Ent Inc to Davison, Cooper J, 11/9, \$259,900

PROSPECT

Coe Rd, Murphy Children T and Murphy, Kevin F to Murphy Children T and Tice, Dennis G, 11/2, \$294,000
N/A, Havell, Estrella P to Willadsen, David and Willadsen, Lisa, 10/19, \$255,000
5 Amber Ct, Gavigan, Keith W and Gavigan, Kathleen M to DiGiorgi, Edward C, 10/29, \$392,000
6 Southridge Rd, Campofiore, Eugene R and Campofiore, Shari A to Myrtollari, Olsi and Myrtollari, Najalda, 11/9, \$465,000
7 Talmadge Hill Rd, Bishop, Jeremy to Gummo, Todd and Gummo, Ashley, 11/1, \$246,800
14 Brighton Rd, Allen, Randall and Casertano Jr, Nicholas R to Clancy Jr, Kenneth and Clancy, Amber R, 11/4, \$470,000
14 Hemlock Rd, Genova Jr, Peter J to Mcgrath, Paul and Mcgrath, Casey, 10/22, \$279,900
18 Sherwood Dr, Shoemaker, Clifford A and Shoemaker, Rebekah A to Ortiz, Diany M, 10/18, \$305,000
24 Scott Rd, Podzunas 3rd, Albert E to Salazar-Cruz, Irene C and Poveda, Mercedes, 10/28, \$276,000
27 Tamarack Ct Lot 27, Toll CT LP to Solomon, Stuart and Solomon, Ellen, 11/12, \$191,125
29 Chandler Dr, Fried, Rita M to Dule, Edison, 10/20, \$230,000
29 Nancy Mae Ave, Hoyt Jr, Richard and Hoyt, Joanna to Bartlett 3rd, William C and Branciforte, Gloria, 10/19, \$315,000
29 Tamarack Ct Lot 29, Toll CT LP to Oneill, Francis G and Oneill, Judith, 10/26, \$191,125
31 Tamarack Ct Lot 31, Toll CT LP to Owens, Marcella P, 10/21, \$191,125
168 Summit Rd, Roche, Susan to Pangrac Jr, Albert G, 11/5, \$200,000
210 New Haven Rd, Brunetti, Michael to Delucia Jr, Richard J, 11/4, \$255,000

PUTNAM

51 Killingly Ave, Wrozek, James H to Doherty Jr, Kenneth, 11/8, \$240,000
76 Perry St Lot 201, Jacobson, Devon to Smith, Edward and Elkind-Smith, Susan, 11/9, \$300,000
91 Perry St Lot 241, Horoz, Patricia J to Morrill, Cynthia, 11/9, \$300,000
106 S Main St, JVKB LLC to Cedar, Ryan and Espino, Alicia, 11/9, \$280,000

REDDING

44 Olmstead Rd, Dadoot Prop Solutions LLC to Perry, Devon J and Sheridan, Mary N, 11/8, \$535,000

RIDGEFIELD

36 Catoonah St Lot 11, Mcevoy, Patti M to Lebovitz, Linda, 11/8, \$545,000
69 Nod Rd, Gabor, Jeffrey and Gabor, Deborah to Dayton, James and Rodriguez, Nicole, 11/12, \$1,150,000
89 Saunders Ln, Forethought Life Ins Co to Ruggiero, Nicholas and Braz, Claudia B, 11/10, \$625,000
93 New St, Perreten, Christopher B to Hoffer, Jennifer E, 11/9, \$519,000
238 West Ln, Hanlon, George A and Hanlon, Carol P to Efremides, Jerry and Damm, Stephanie V, 11/8, \$1,425,000
264 Mamanasco Rd, Nelsen, Craig to Cotler, Brett R, 11/12, \$455,000
617 Barrack Hill Rd, Bova, George P and Bova, Kim M to Kvjalsky, Rita and Kovalsky, Bryan, 11/9, \$792,500

ROCKY HILL

4 Colonial Dr Lot B, Boswell, Jessica and Boswell, Eric J to Rios, Nelson, 11/8, \$114,900
6 Mark Ln, Rotherforth, Scott W and Rotherforth, Robin K to Hamm Hottes LLC, 11/8, \$140,000
28 Westbrook Rd, TCI Realty LLC and Cahill, Kevin to Kelly, Scott, 11/12, \$352,775
37 Brookwood Dr Lot A, S & Soelneire R Selvish RET and Selviah, Suresh A to Singh, Vovindra, 11/8, \$125,000
42 Pebblebrook Dr, Kelly, Brian F and Kelly, Tyne S to Mundra, Amandeep S and Mundra, Gaganjot, 11/12, \$620,000
45 Walnut Rd, Mangene, Lynn M to 45 Walnut Road LLC, 11/9, \$230,000
47 Walnut Rd, Mangene, Lynn M to 45 Walnut Road LLC, 11/9, \$230,000
86 Country Side Dr, MAA LT and Skevaas, C D to Kelly, Brian F and Kelly, Tyne S, 11/8, \$437,100

SALEM

31 Cedar Hill Ln, Schulte Jr, Clarence E to Hilke, Gaylen S, 11/3, \$485,000
233 Rathbun Hill Rd, Wambold, Miranda K and Wambold, Michael L to Constantinou, Toni and Constantinou, Savva A, 11/9, \$327,000
576 Old Colchester Rd, Paonessa, Peter to JLM Enterprises LLC, 11/8, \$50,000

SALISBURY

17 Red Bird Ln, Carolyn F Demaray T and Demaray, Carolyn F to Castleberry, May L and Fitzgerald, Michael C, 11/5, \$975,000
20 Ethan Allen St, Mallett, Lenore M and Mallett, Marc M to Brandon, Alexandra and Brandon, Nicholas, 11/9, \$699,000
25 Hemlock Ln, Marilyn Sher RET and Sher, Gary J to Laikin, Michael F and Kaplan, Debra L, 11/10, \$650,000
25 Morgan Ln, Kramer, Brian and Kramer, Denise to Mcdevitt, Brian and Danton, Meghna, 11/10, \$3,075,000

SEYMOUR

5 Fairway Ln, Simonetti Development LLC to Bopp, Bradley and Bopp, Allison M, 11/8, \$86,000
17 Balance Rock Rd Lot 12, Zlotnikov, Kirill to Licari Properties LLC, 11/8, \$128,900
21 Balance Rock Rd Lot 14, Lucas, Michelle L to Licari Properties LLC, 11/10, \$115,000
22 Warren Dr Lot 22, Zamani, Pejman and Karrat, Nicole M to Menshailipooeh, Vanessa, 11/10, \$315,000
36 Maple St, Wilkin Jr, William P and Wilkin, Stacy M to Martinez, Leidy L, 11/10, \$250,000
92 Balance Rock Rd Lot 15, Rivera, Salome to Licari Properties LLC, 11/10, \$110,000
111 Great Hill Rd, Skidmore, Robin to Novak, Jacob J and Novak, Steven A, 11/9, \$380,000
142 Old Ansonia Rd, Logan, Roseann to Williamson, James, 11/10, \$117,000

SHARON

12 Guinea Rd, Cody, Patricia L to BDS Investments LLC, 11/12, \$375,000
36 Great Elm Rd, Heller, Benjamin T and Fillow, Tracy to Harvey, Edward A and Harvey, Mary H, 11/9, \$1,800,000
55 Hospital Hill Rd, Decker Linda A Est and Decker, Tammy to Long Springs Farm LLC, 11/10, \$160,000

SHELTON

Crecent Vlg Lot 11, Donnelly, Melissa to Pirre, Sarah D, 11/9, \$460,000
Soundview Ave, Hrubalova, Marta and Hojnos, Jozef to Medeiros, Domingos A and Medeiros, Maria S, 11/10, \$475,000
6 Hickory HI Lot 6, Gordon, Susan to Plonquet, Fabie and Jeanbapiste, John B, 11/10, \$470,000
12 Woonsocket Ave, Bowolick Helen Est and Bowolick, Joseph M to Villalta, Jose E and Zepedaalfaro, Nataly C, 11/12, \$390,000
15 Brookside Ln, Haste, Anna H to Falconieri, Sabino J, 11/9, \$385,000
20 Wellington Ct, Pena, Maria to Pawilcz, Daniel and Pawilcz, Wlodzimierz, 11/8, \$730,000
27 Weybosset St, Pawilcz, Wlodzimierz to Lovell, Saimon S and Rahman, Afrin, 11/8, \$419,000
54 Poplar Dr, Rose, Kevin F and Rose, Bernadette M to Zuber, Gail, 11/12, \$450,000
86 Roberts St, Santiago, Fernando to Neverson, Francis A, 11/12, \$338,000
86 Wooster St, Barkedstedt, David S to Nguyen, Thai, 11/8, \$225,000
109 Longfellow Rd, Engeldrum, Peter and Engeldrum, Traci to Djarrick, Luiggi, 11/10, \$400,000
133 Spring Gln Lot 133, Bobe, Joseph and Bobe, Arlene to Deramo, Diane M, 11/12, \$318,000
201 Kyles Way Lot 201, Chodowicz, Stanislaw and Chodowicz, Agnieszka to Rizwan, Rabia, 11/9, \$405,000
427 Asbury Rdg Lot 427, Bogdansk, Vincent and Bogdansk, Antoinette to Scheer, Patrick and Scheer, Antoinette, 11/8, \$195,000
430 Shelton Ave, Selbert, Thomas M to Capriotti, Michael A, 11/10, \$240,000
586 Huntington St, Solkofske Mary Est and Solkofske Jr, B M to Dressel, Kenneth C and Dressel, Paula B, 11/10, \$305,000

SHERMAN

17 Brookside Ln, Coons, Donald F to Dhana-liwala, Akbar, 11/10, \$850,000
30 Route 37 E, Eadie, Louisa M to Coyle, Christian, 11/9, \$1,100,000
37 Edmonds Rd, Plemmmons, Chesley J to Rawxworthy, Christopher J, 11/9, \$565,000
1995 Huntington St, Solkofske Mary Est and Solkofske Jr, B M to Dressel, Kenneth C and Dressel, Paula B, 11/10, \$305,000

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17 Brookside Ln, Coons, Donald F to Dhana-liwala, Akbar, 11/10, \$850,000
30 Route 37 E, Eadie, Louisa M to Coyle, Christian, 11/9, \$1,100,000
37 Edmonds Rd, Plemmmons, Chesley J to Rawxworthy, Christopher J, 11/9, \$565,000

SIMSBURY

Canton Rd Lot 2, Prndergast Theresa Est and Pendergast, John to Polidura, Anexi and Polidura, Elizabeth, 11/8, \$275,000
7 Oak Glen Ct, Kowalchik, Brian M to Bunting, David and Bunting, Anne, 11/8, \$375,000
11 Lawton Dr, Civitillo, Stephanie D to Arce, David and Arce, Jennifer, 11/10, \$340,000
15 Hampden Cir, Suarez Jr, Alberto to Fogel, Marc H and Fogel, David, 11/5, \$399,500
32 Chestnut Hill Rd, Chase, Ashley N to Finney, Valerie A and Finney Jr, Thomas M, 11/8, \$401,000
97 Laurel Ln, Griffn-Doyle, Taylor and Griffn-Doyle, Michael to Angotti, Michael, 11/4, \$300,000
98 Old Meadow Plain Rd, Lorenzo&H Casalino LT and Casalino, Guy E to Ahmad, Ali, 11/10, \$345,000
198 Firetown Rd, Smith, Denise to Falcone, Linda and Falcone, Philip, 11/5, \$380,000

SOMERS

Pinney Rd, Flower, John W and Flower, Brenda K to Walsh, Jeffrey D and Walsh, Heather, 11/8, \$485,000
50 Haas Rd, White, Eric and White, Michele to Iwan, Thomas J and Guesstoff, Laurie A, 11/8, \$331,900

SOUTH WINDSOR

27 Amato Dr Lot D, Cruz, Ariel and Rumeli, Nuriye to Gangarapu, Satheesh K and Venkatesulu, Likitha B, 11/8, \$140,000
46 Pleasant Valley Rd, Derosa, Nicholas L and Clair, Katharine N to Damberg, William K, 11/1, \$300,000
85 Candlerwood Dr Lot 85, Pitts, Ophelia W to Bommisetti, Ananda P and Bolisetti, Vjayalakshmi, 11/1, \$135,000
106 Bryre Wood, Faircloth, Robert to Dube, Danielle J, 11/5, \$141,000
112 Chapel Rd, Lawon Shirley M Est and Lawton, Sean J to Medina, Daniel A, 11/8, \$275,000
167 Alison Dr, Rathbun, Thomas F and Rathbun, Claire H to Labrie, Diane M, 11/4, \$200,000
225 Oakland Rd Lot 402, John F Keane RET and Mcleroy, Kerry to KMB Realty LLC, 11/2, \$165,000
330 Nutmeg Rd S, Nutmeg Road Assoc LLC to Jertoldo Properties LLC, 11/9, \$1,350,000
670 Rye St, Macdonald, Lionel R and Macdonald, Elizabeth F to Delgado, Iraida and Quist, Carli, 11/9, \$300,000
1236 Ellington Rd, Conaci, Frank to Reddy, Madhu, 11/4, \$238,900
2130 Ellington Rd, Biledeau, Brian and Biledeau, Alyse to Dong, Xiangrui and Chen, Ying, 11/8, \$260,000

SOUTHINGTON

Main St, Williams, Edward H to Rutledge, Anthony R and Rutledge, Valerie T, 11/8, \$51,000
Main St, Williams, Edward H to Williams, Elizabeth P and Williams Jr, Edward H, 11/8, \$520,000
70 Vista View Dr, Pilots Mall LLC to Imam, Azhar, 11/8, \$767,500
114 Blueberry Ln, Kang-Kim, Kyoung H and Kang, Heedeeok to Jang, Sejeon and Jang, Jungmi, 11/9, \$420,000
150 Main St S, 150 South Main Street LLC to Southbury Rly Partners, 11/14, \$4,520,000
334 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Stratton FT and Cruz, Susan S to Dohan, Joan and Dohan, Kenneth, 10/29, \$275,000

SOUTHINGTON

Lacey Rd, Clarke, James E to McCarthy, Donna, 10/28, \$286,000
1080 Meriden Ave, Frank, Paul and Ahern-Frank, Kathleen to Paquin Jr, Donald E, 10/28, \$260,000

STAFFORD

New City Rd, Neumann, Kenneth B to Macdonald, George R and Macdonald, Pamela L, 11/8, \$110,000
2 Tammy Ln, Perrier, Tracy L to Chevalier, Brian and Cramer, Theresa, 11/4, \$240,000
5 Ridge Rd, Stewart, Joy M to Joslin, Barbara J, 11/9, \$139,900
15 Whispering Pines Rd, Rose, Wendy B to Hunt, Christopher and Hunt, Amy, 11/4, \$136,000
17 County Rd, Glover, David A to Young, Christina L, 11/8, \$395,000
39 Edgewood St Lot D, Tremblay, Sharla E to Gabriel, Audra, 11/8, \$110,000
101 W Main St, Crossen, Raymond F and Crossen, Joan L to Ellerby, Tyronne, 11/4, \$175,000

STAMFORD

1 Broad St Lot 16C, DB Broad Family LP to Pawlowicz, Elysia B, 11/8, \$432,000
10 Courtland Ave Lot 153, Iris M Bell T and Roman, Laura to Sierra, Gerardo, 11/9, \$393,000
16 Weil St, Bakis, Jayne D to Bergman, Nicholas and Bergman, Victoria, 11/8, \$740,000
25 Forest St Lot 4M, Fornell Associates LLC to Citarella, Lauren G and Arcamone, Anthony, 11/10, \$360,000
25 Forest St Lot 11D, Riddle, Georgia L to Schwartz, Jacob T, 11/10, \$390,000
25 Forest St Lot 12L, Kalyanakrishnan, K and Sridhar, Sharda P to Zur, Yair and Ramos, Nubia, 11/9, \$455,000
27 Terrace Pl Lot 3, Greatview LLC and Lenhart, August to Sadararn, Vinod and Marisera, Swetha, 11/8, \$635,000
30 Lumanor Dr, Fauci, Jessica and Fauci Jr, Joseph to Daza, Edwin and Daza, Adriana, 11/9, \$725,000
37 Haviland Ct, Decarvalhosa, Maria to Szwajkowski, Michael C and Miller, Courtney J, 11/9, \$1,270,000
60 Plymouth Rd, Amato, Jodi to Alegria, Sam, 11/8, \$700,000
60 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 1204, Sunshine Management LLC to Freid, Clifford, 11/10, \$145,000
71 Knickerbocker Ave, Affalo, Andrea S to Poteau, Gary and Poteau, Edwidge F, 11/9, \$1,160,000

STAMFORD

77 Havenmeyer Ln Lot 213, Muller, L J and CT Hsng Fin Authority to Prop Acq 2 LLC, 11/8, \$425,000
89 West Ave, Gabriele, Richard and Gabriele, Jonna M to Salazar, Tom H and Dominguez, Doylith H, 11/8, \$680,000
91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 836, Brownstein, Jason to Watson, Akibo, 11/12, \$220,000
93 Harvest Hill Ln, Mayglothing, Stephen F and Mayglothing, Christine to Walsh, Sean and Mitchell, Erin, 11/8, \$565,000
99 Prospect St Lot 5G, Timmeva, Stefanka and Timmeva, Ivan to D&Joyce Stooegenke T and Stooegenke, D, 11/9, \$179,000
104 North St Lot 102, Bedoya, Daniel to Macaluso, Donna and Lynch, Gregory, 11/12, \$375,000
114 Summer St Lot 3A, David Montanari Hldg LLC to Sestovic, Orhan, 11/8, \$180,000
149 Club Rd, Farro, John and Farro, Joann to Curto, Ryan and Curto, Jane, 11/10, \$820,000
188 Franklin St Lot 502, Tournas, Harry to McCarthy, Rieko, 11/8, \$270,000
189 Seaside Ave Lot 4, Subramanian, Anand and Sakirshnan, Krihika to Torres, Anne and Pagan, Maria, 11/12, \$585,000
222 Roxbury Rd, Leydon, Stacey and First County Bank to First County Bank, 11/9, \$1,175,104
237 Ocean Dr E, Chun, Shi and Sen, Ciu G to 33 Alt LLC, 11/8, \$1,799,000
262 Glenbrook Rd Lot C, Wahrenburg, Marcia J and Wahrenburg, Paul D to Alayo, Maria, 11/12, \$177,500
321 Blackberry Dr, Forsyth, Stephen C and Forsyth, Mary L to Benesh, Steven R and Ghavanini, Veadad L, 11/8, \$907,000
1039 E Main St, Belcar Properties LLC to 1039 East Main LLC, 11/9, \$1,150,000

STERLING

11 Logans Way, H C Rose Contractors Inc to Phillips, Alexandra L and Phillips, Russell J, 11/9, \$355,000

STONINGTON

Anguilla Rd, Crowley Farm Prop LLC to Flack, Brandon and Flack, Cynthia, 11/10, \$514,100
Anguilla Rd, Holly Elizabeth C Est and Crowley, Patricia M to Flack, Brandon and Flack, Cynthia, 11/10, \$15,900
Pequotsepos Center Rd, Johnson, Eric D and Johnson, Jan C to Ko, Kenneth D and Ko, Linda J, 11/5, \$626,000
1 Canberra Ct Lot 1, Dolan, Bradford B to J&P Stonington LLC, 11/12, \$420,000
3 Carriage Dr, Jones, David W to Nigro, Joseph G, 11/12, \$306,475
24 Mayflower Ave, Mcclenahan, Emily K to Mudzinski, Daniel J and Green, Chelsey L, 11/12, \$385,000
38 Lords Hill Rd Lot 8, Caly LLC to Divirgilio, Donna M, 11/12, \$325,000
46 Park Ave, Eg Perkins Reserve LLC to Benson, Cedric J and Sabatella, Diane, 11/5, \$468,590
75 Montauk Ave, Godomsky, Chester J and Godomsky, Elizabeth G to Kistner, Theodore R and Kistner, Anne M, 11/8, \$615,400
100 Old North Rd, Point Circle Prop LLC to Cassidy, Sean A and Cassidy, Cary I, 11/5, \$800,000
122 W Broad St, Mellow, John J and Mellow, Sharon to Ocean House Hotel Partners, 11/8, \$570,000
155 Whitehall Ave Lot 155, Windhover Associates LLC to Belden, Scott and Belden, Elizabeth, 11/5, \$2,400,000
257 River Rd Lot B41, Oconnell, Reid K and Oconnell, Gail H to Mann, John C, 11/9, \$55,000
411 Wheeler Rd, Rivershore T and Berkman, Suzanne to Mcclenahan, William and Mcclenahan, Catherine, 11/5, \$959,000

STRATFORD

Success Vlg, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Londono, Ludivia, 11/4, \$34,000
N/A, Stonybrook Gdns Coop Inc to Carrano, Michael A, 11/9, \$35,000
3 Thornberg St, Hawley, Frederick and Hawley, Donna to Wilson, Marie C, 11/3, \$355,000
4 Thornberg St, Hawley, Frederick and Hawley, Donna to Wilson, Marie C, 11/3, \$355,000
9 Pleasantview Dr, B Gauchet Matteson RET and Connorton, Susan M to Tirado, Melissa, 11/8, \$285,000
10 Meeting House Rd Lot B, Jimenez 2nd, Jose to Genga, Marciel L and Genga, Nicholas M, 11/9, \$242,000
32 Franklin Ave, Gawrych, Aniela to Thomas, Stephanie, 11/2, \$260,000
40 California St Lot A14, Jalbrzykowski, Sylwester to Anchim, Barbara, 11/5, \$115,000
45 Garibaldi Ave, Wyluda, Artur to Brown, Terence, 11/10, \$379,000
80 Knollwood Dr, Carey, Jessica to Diotalevi, Robert E, 11/8, \$435,000
78 Shoreline Dr Lot 78, Mraz, John F and Mraz, Jean to Camillo, Robert, 11/9, \$640,000
60 Marsh Way, Felix, Charles to Guerra Jr, Agustín and Guerra, Jessica N, 11/3, \$51,000
85 Canary Pl, Travers, Brian P and Travers, Lisa M to Acevedo, Derek and Acevedo, Lauren, 11/8, \$407,000
98 W Beach Dr, Freitas, Donna to Petit Paradis LLC, 11/9, \$550,000
105 Van St, Sanchez, Rachel to Atehortua, Sigifredo and Rivera, Maria, 11/12, \$278,000
121 W Beach Dr, Versace, Anthony J and Versace, Martha M to Burns, Donna and Burns, Kenneth, 11/10, \$819,000
125 Greenlawn Ave, Pasquale, Shaun to Agosto, Vidal and Agosto, Jamie L, 11/9, \$410,000
137 Wood Ave, Centopanti, Anthony and Centopanti, Martha to Corilloccia, Felix M and Flores, Carmen J, 11/3, \$310,000
175 Val Dr, Giasullo, Kevin and Giasullo, Diana to Difuri, Anna, 11/9, \$365,000
179 Wilbrook Rd, Linden Joan P Est and Wnek, Robert E to Mendite, Stephanie W, 11/10, \$375,000
183 Reitter St, Johnson, Shamain to Ni, Dan D and Pan, Wen H, 11/9, \$265,000
195 Glenwood Ave, Roviello Edith M Est and Timpanelli, Lucinda C to Johnson, Timothy C, 11/10, \$310,000
210 Dahl Ave, Dimenno Jr, Henry J and Dimenno, Catherine to Montalvan, Madelyn, 11/9, \$205,000
228 Burbank Ave, Zuber, Gail A to Heiden, Jack, 11/12, \$400,000
314 McKinley Ave, Samuleman Edward G Est and Macfayden, Christine to Rivera, Lucia and Caban, Angela L, 11/12, \$200,000
341 Swanson Ave, Marie, Quetelie J to Blake, Maureen D and Blake, Robert A, 11/8, \$300,000
340 Court D Lot 349, Tarczynski, Wojciech K to Mason, Elma, 11/12, \$58,000
354 Knowlton St, Logan, Michael W and Logan, Veronica M to Dos Santos-Ferreira, S, 11/10, \$280,000
359 Grandfield Ave Lot B, Michalansky, Artur to Deoliveira, Wagner, 11/10, \$17,000
403 Court D Lot 403, Thach, Rinh to Aponte, Judith and Aponte, Angel L, 11/12, \$83,000
536 Connors Ln, Premiere Prop Grp 4 LLC to Ramachandar, Sujini, 11/12, \$459,000
1116 Hillside Ave, Matosian Rose V Est and Matosian, Laura E to Puma, Angel, 11/8, \$307,000
1136 Broadbridge Ave, Pedowitz, Scott to Kaiser, Kevin, 11/2, \$12,500
1460 Elm St Lot 128, Bastarache, Raymond to JH&Ma LLC, 11/5, \$154,000
3699 Broadbridge Ave Lot 324, Greenberg, Elliott to Lake 3rd, Dezzie, 11/9, \$129,700

SUFFERD

172 Dusky Ln Lot 172, Weihe, Lucas to Sroka, Sally A, 11/8, \$235,000
655 Forest Rd, Assantes, Arthur J and Assantes, Shirley F to Yanyuk, Jennifer, 11/9, \$605,000
1223 East St N, Therian, Elizabeth to Tibbetts, Wayne, 11/9, \$300,000
1369 Ratley Rd, Thompson, Melissa to Pafumi, Mark, 11/4, \$150,000

THOMASTON

15 Smith Rd, Veronesi, Carrie to Thompson, Alexandra M and Thompson, Ryne G, 11/10, \$25,000

54 Judson St, Kentana, Sandra B and Kentana, Violet L to Cianciolo, Spencer and Elias, Abbey, 11/8, \$365,000
143 Pine Hill Rd Lot 19B, Picchio, Dennis V to Schauss, Todd, 11/8, \$120,000
268 Prospect St, Hopkins, Matthew P to Simpson, Zachary D, 11/8, \$200,000
70 Watertown Rd, Smith, Barbara A and Smith, Gary W to Jimenez Food LLC, 11/10, \$395,000

THOMPSON

10 1st St, Harris, Jonathan J and Harris, Nichole M to Apple, Samantha A, 11/12, \$215,000
445 W Thompson Rd, Hyslop, Peter A and Hyslop, Margaret J to Landry, Angelique T and Leblanc, Daniel J, 11/9, \$252,000
1161 Thompson Rd, Gendreau, Shannon and Gendreau, William to Sowersby, Mark and Sowersby, Jennifer, 11/10, \$390,000

TOLLAND

16 Doyle Rd, Wanegar, Guy E to Ellis, Adriana S and Robert, Alexander P, 11/9, \$190,000
93 Cora Rd, Malone, Brianne and Malone, Shawn S to Marandino, Jason F and Marandino, Vanessa M, 11/8, \$395,000
95 Charles St, Downham, Douglas S and Downham, Joanna Z to Malone, Brianne and Malone, Shawn S, 11/9, \$440,000
106 Mountain Spring Rd, Bertrand, Jason to Gerber, Evan, 11/9, \$36,450

TORRINGTON

County Rd 13 S, Cerverizzo, Richard to Joyce, David and Pance-Joyce, Janet, 11/8, \$175,000
7 Surrey Ln Lot L7, Latulipe, Brian W to Aciri, Marc, 11/3, \$130,000
15 Apter Dr, Christian, Robert M and Christian, Eric L to Stewart, Harrison E and Graves, London E, 11/2, \$220,000
24 Grove St, Kelly, Heather A to Bieden-kapp, Jason, 11/4, \$250,000
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ASK THE BUILDER

Know fire risks of your electrical service

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

A few days ago, a reader named Marcus asked me an electrical wiring question while I was doing one of my new livestreaming video broadcasts. Livestreaming video is so much fun because I get to interact with people in real time just as if we were sitting at a table enjoying a lemonade or iced tea. Each of my livestreams is recorded, so if you can't watch it live, you can replay it later.

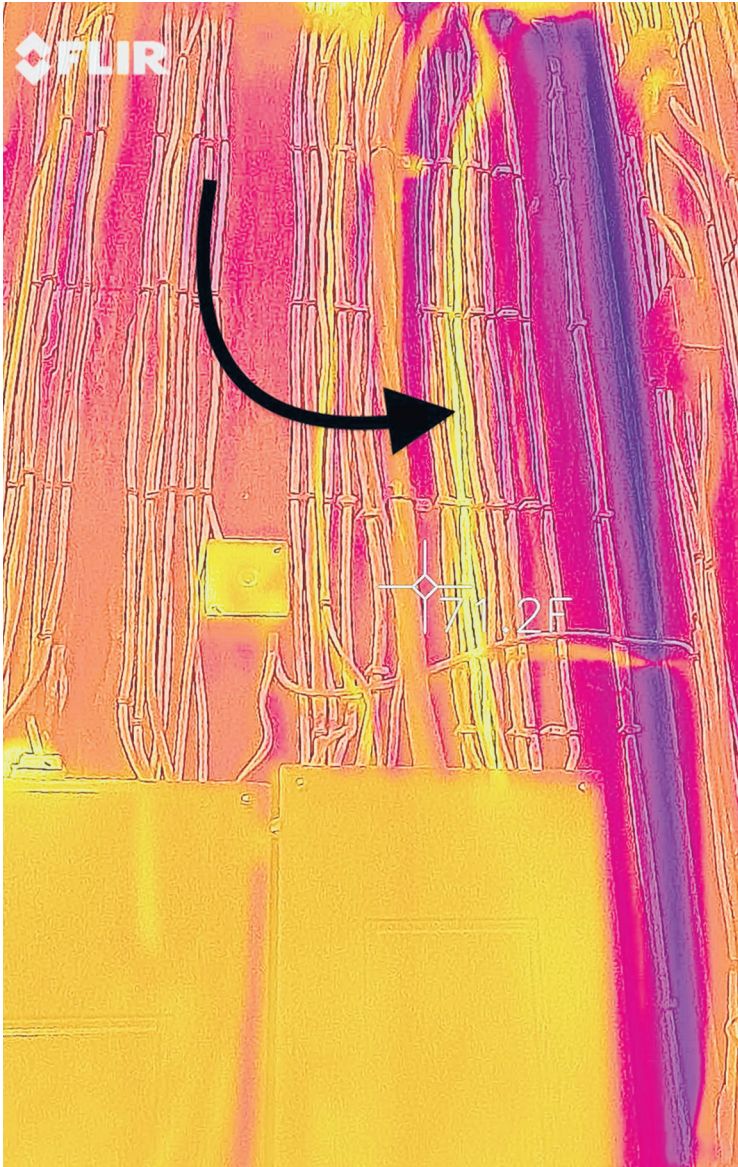
Marcus' situation is one I can see happening at your home. It's an extremely important teaching moment in case you know little about how electricity works in your home and how dangerous it can be if not installed correctly. It's important to realize that while electricity is a very nice thing to have in a home, it must be respected.

I went to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and discovered that hundreds of people die each year in the U.S. from electrical fires. Thousands are injured. Well over \$1 billion in direct property damage is attributed to electrical fires in any given year. This should put your head on a swivel.

The NFPA has a rich history, but essentially it was the insurance industry that created it. The insurance companies realized the need to educate people as to how fires could be prevented. As electricity became available in homes, the insurance companies saw that they had to do their best to make sure the electric wires and cables in homes were safe and fires kept to a minimum.

The National Electrical Code (NEC) was born of this initiative. The NFPA publishes the NEC. It's a time-tested document that outlines the minimum standards by which electricity should be installed in homes, businesses and other buildings.

How does this relate to you and Marcus? He wanted to know if he could mix and match different wire sizes on the same circuit. You need to know that the wires inside the cables in your home come in different sizes much like shoes or T-shirts. The size is referred to as the wire gauge. The most common wire gauges used



This infrared photo clearly shows two electric cables that are much warmer than the others. TIM CARTER/TNS

in residential buildings in the U.S. are 14, 12 and 10. It can be confusing because as the number gets smaller, the diameter of the wire gets bigger!

The wire size, as well as the insulation that covers the bare wire, has been tested and rated by the NFPA. For example, 14-gauge wire is rated for 15 amps or 1800 watts in the U.S. The 12-gauge wire is rated for 20 amps or 2400 watts. The wire powering your electric clothes dryer is almost always a 10-gauge wire. What's more, your electric dryer runs with 240 volts whereas most of all the other

things in your home are running on 120 volts.

Hang in there with me. Here's the payoff. If you go to your electric panel, you'll probably see these funny levers that are circuit breakers. The breaker is really much like a wall switch you use to control a ceiling light. The breakers are rated by amps, and you can see that number on the actual breaker. Look at yours. You'll see lots of 15s and 20s.

Most of the breakers in your panel will be single-pole breakers. A single wire is connected to the base of the breaker. In a normal circuit in your home, this

wire leaves the panel and starts to daisy-chain to wall outlets and possibly a few lights. If the breaker is rated for 20 amps, then the wires on that circuit should be 12 gauge. You'd never ever want a piece of wire in that 20-amp circuit to be 14-gauge wire.

Here's why. Normal circuit breakers are designed to protect the wires and cables in your house. There are special breakers like GFCIs that are made to prevent you from being electrocuted, but let's just concentrate on normal breakers.

The breaker is designed to automatically shut off or trip if it senses too much electricity flowing through the breaker. The more electricity that flows, the greater the heat build-up along the wire. If you put too much electricity through a wire, it can get so hot that it will melt the plastic insulation covering the metal wire and actually ignite it.

I witnessed this at a friend's house several years ago. They unknowingly plugged in a space heater that drew lots of electricity into a wall outlet that was controlled by a dimmer switch. The dimmer switch was only rated for 600 watts of electric flow. The heater drew 1,500 watts. Luckily my friend's wife was in the room and saw smoke starting to come out of the wall switch. The dimmer switch was seconds away from starting on fire. They quickly went to the electric panel and switched off that breaker, thus preventing a house fire.

What would have happened had they turned on the heater and gone to a restaurant for breakfast or gone to sleep?

If a circuit breaker in your home is constantly tripping, it's SCREAMING to you that something is wrong. You could be drawing too much current. You need to call in an electrician and find out what is going on before you or your loved ones become a statistic.

You need to use extreme care using extension cords. Visit the NFPA's website and immerse yourself in any and all consumer educational materials they offer. Get up to speed on how the invisible electricity in your home works. It's well worth the time.

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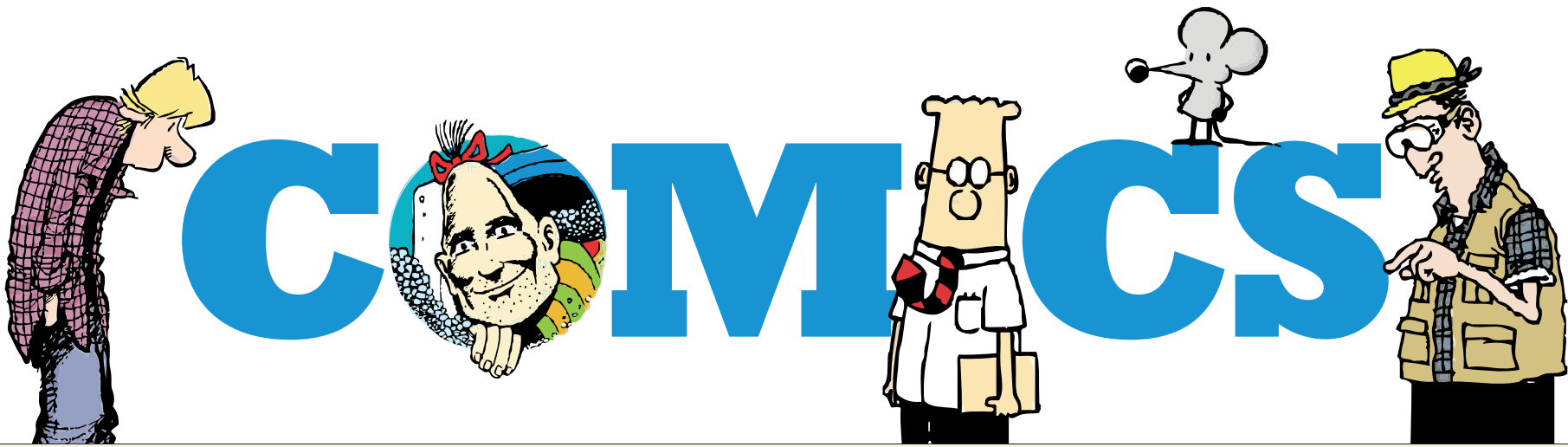
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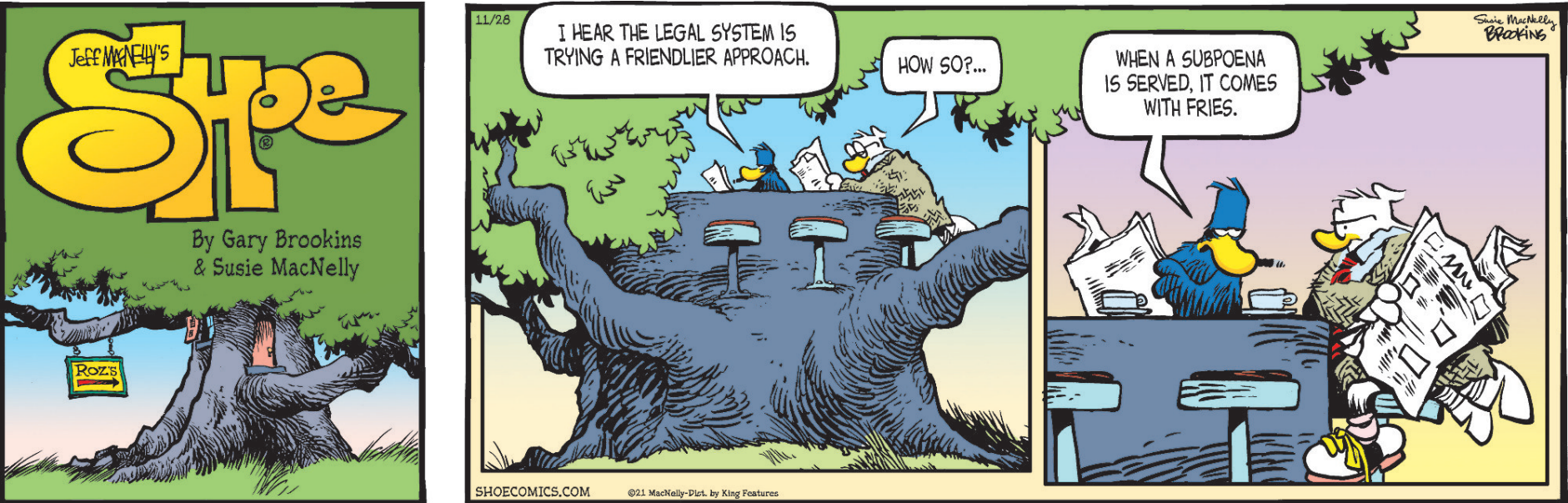
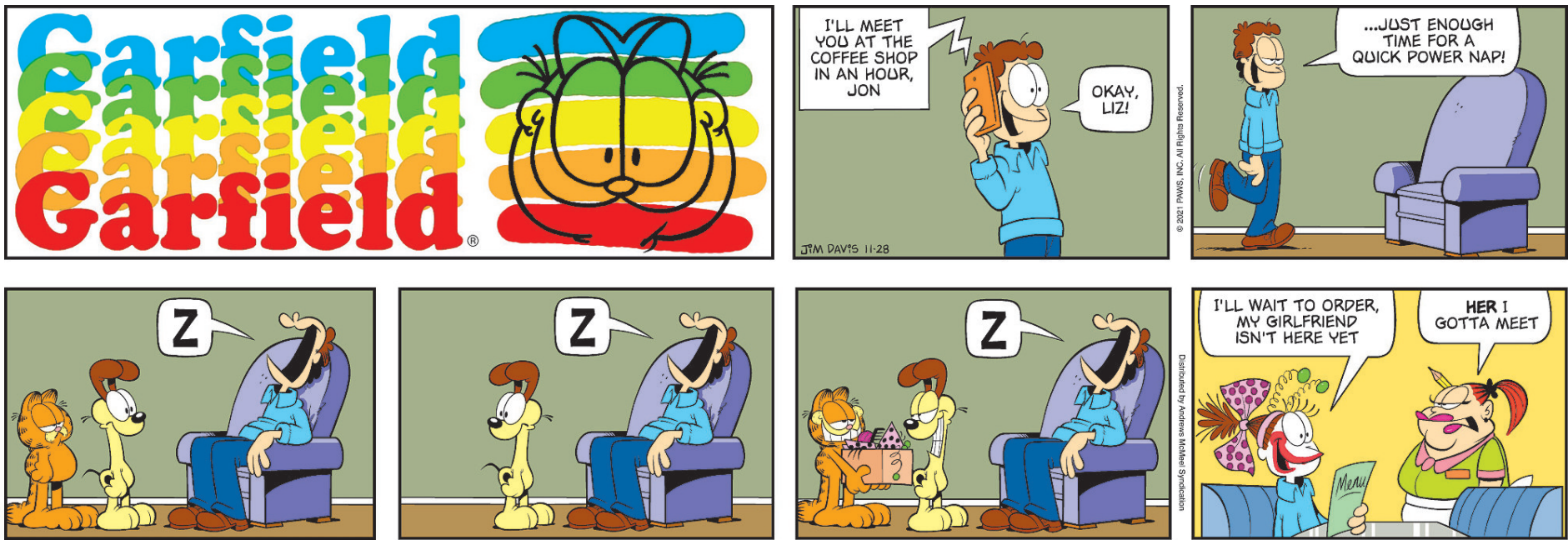
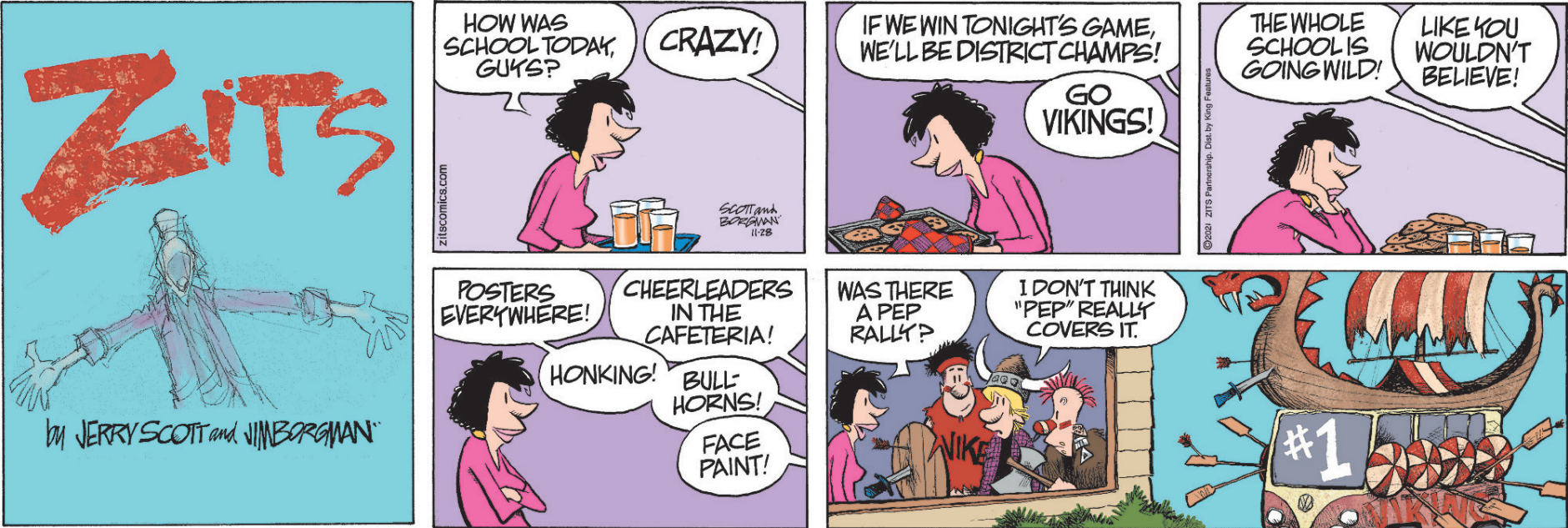
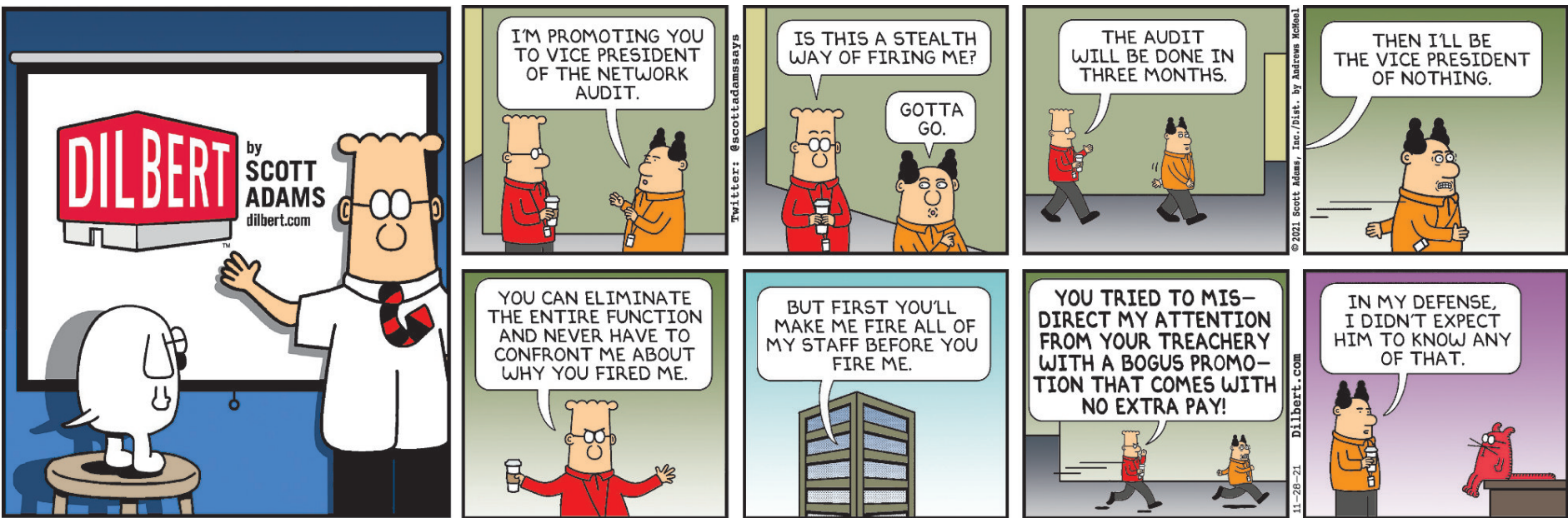
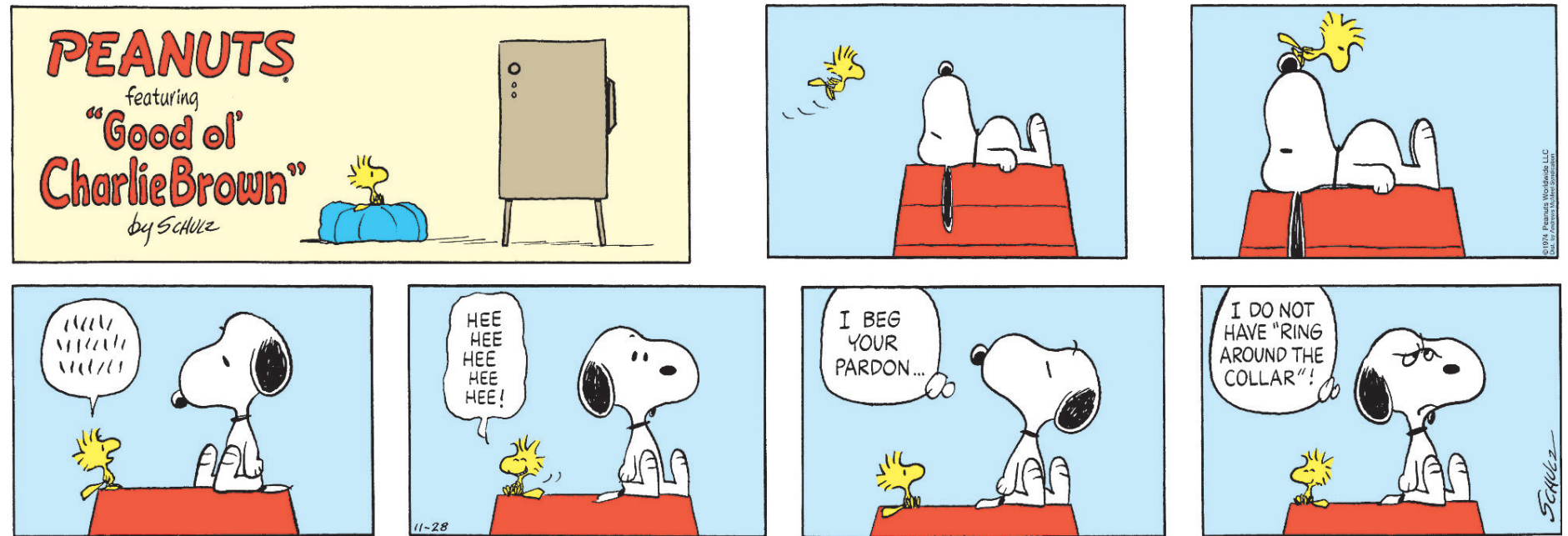
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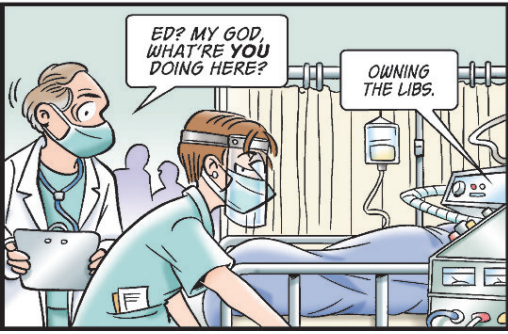
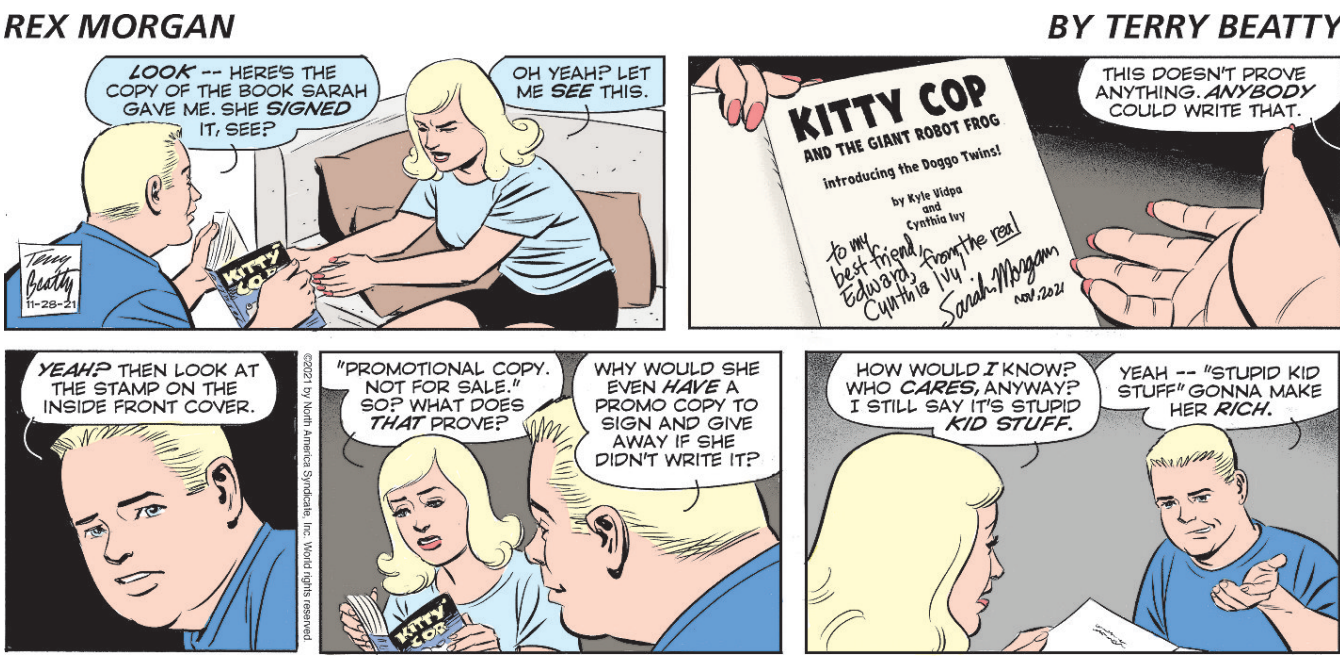
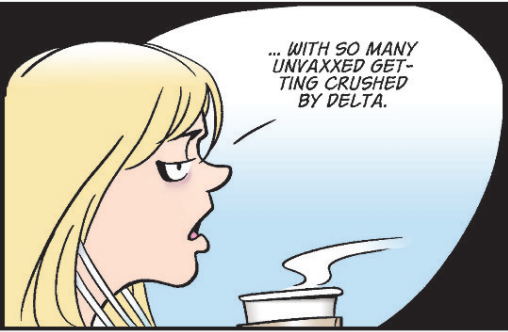
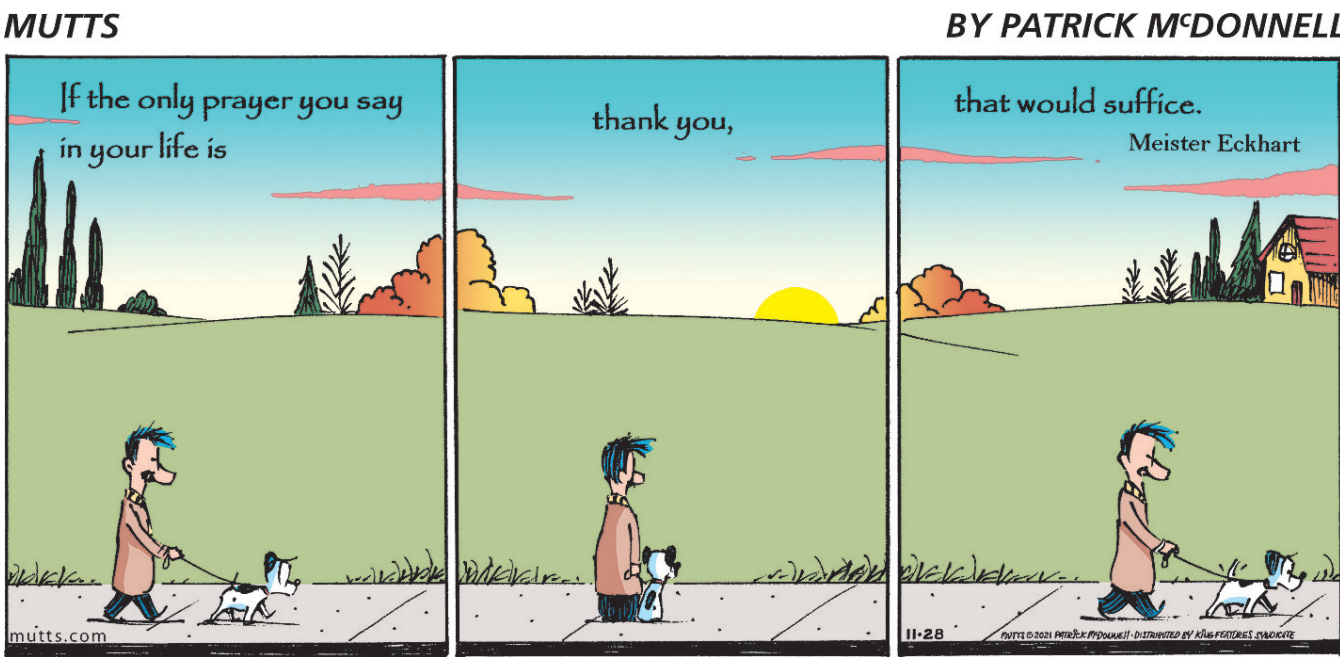
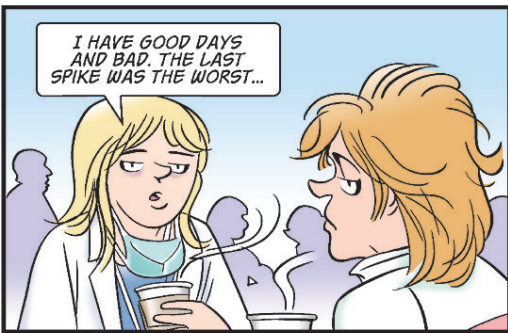
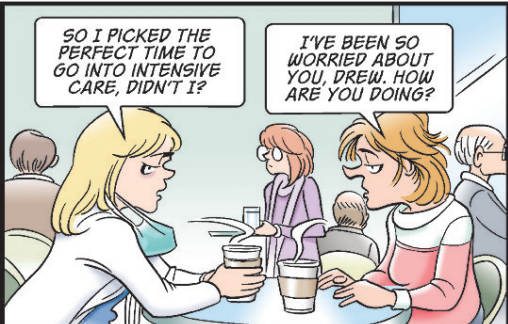
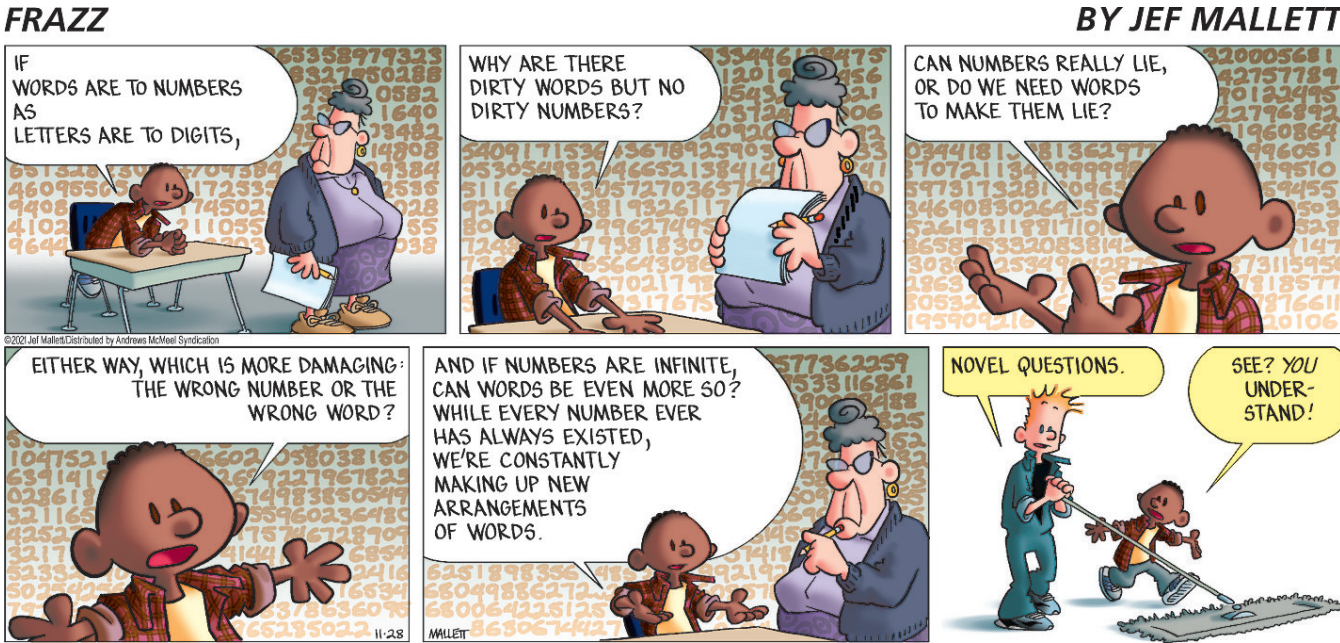
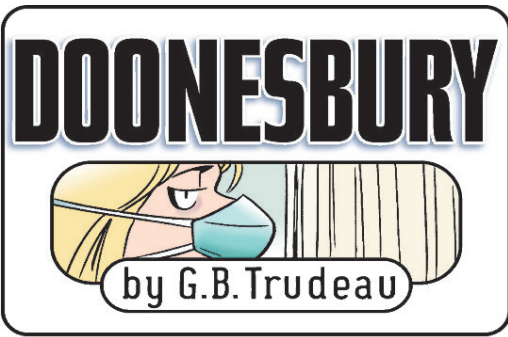
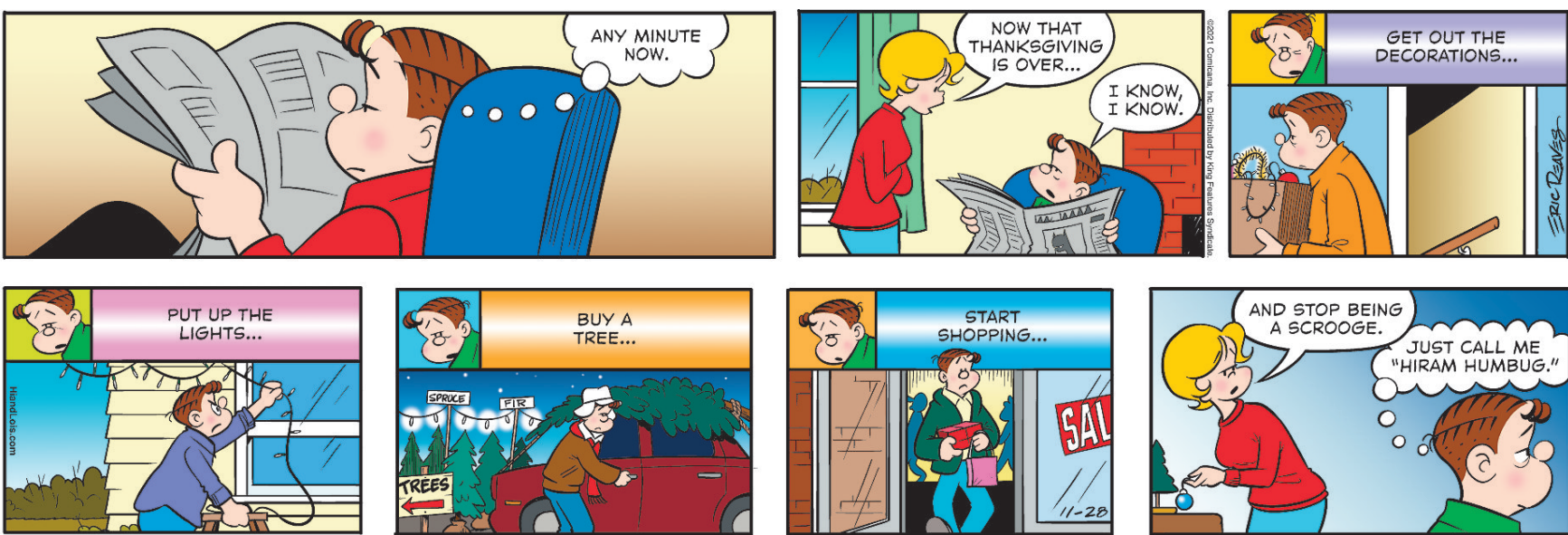
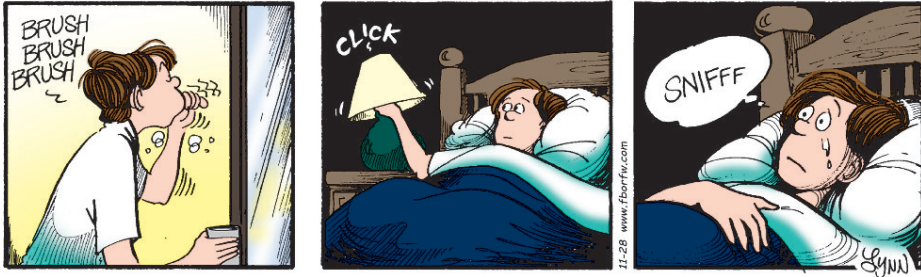
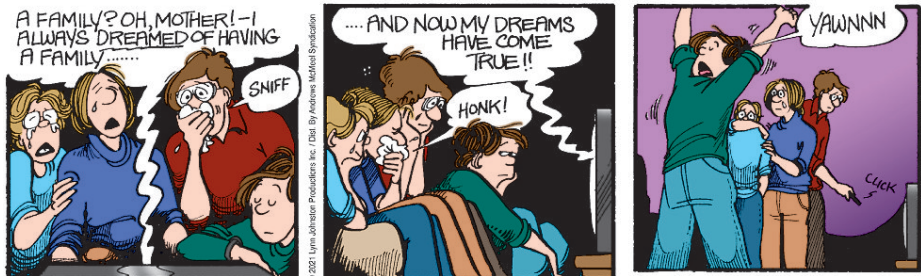
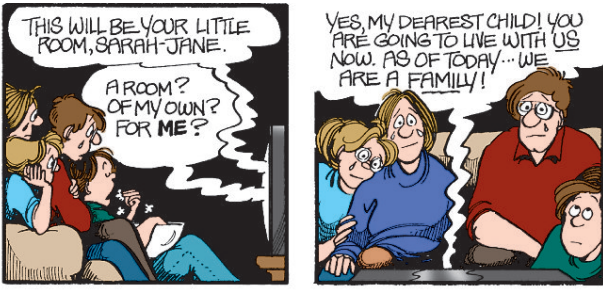
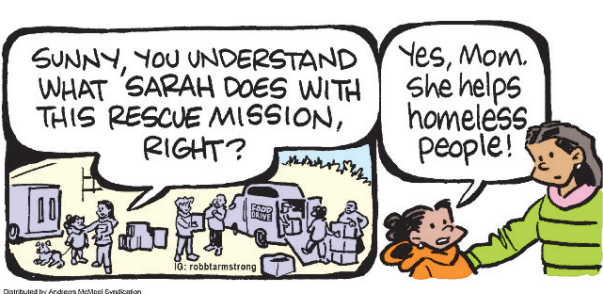
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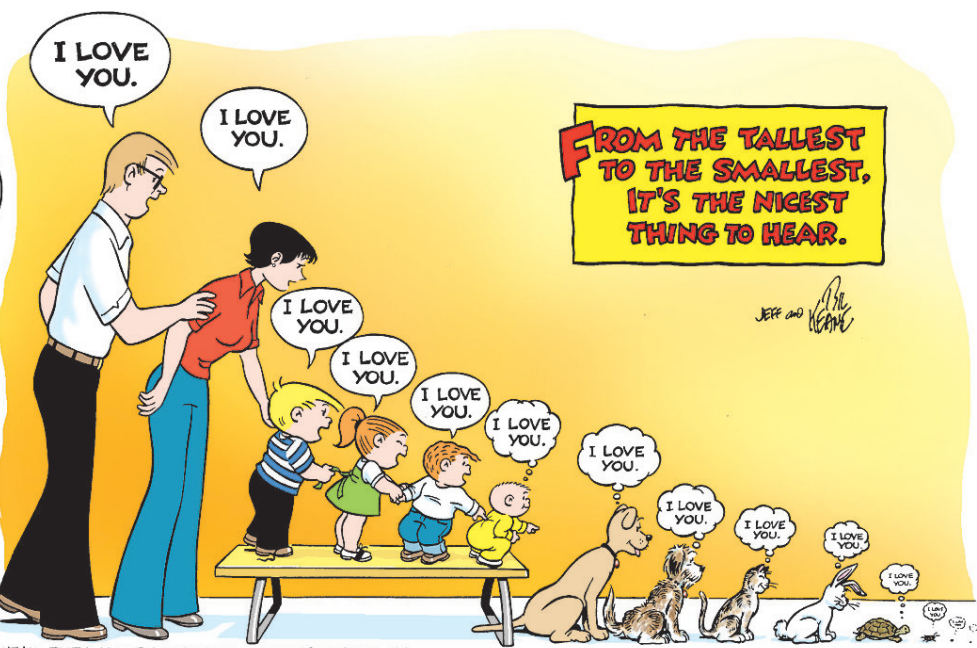
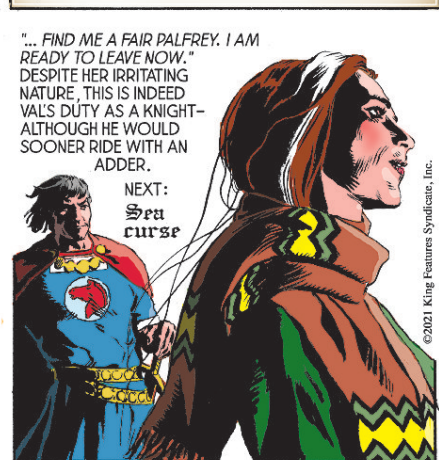
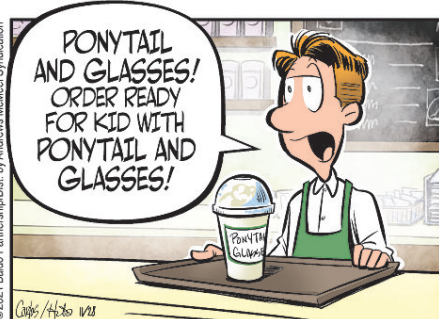
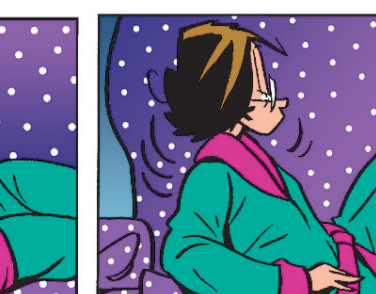
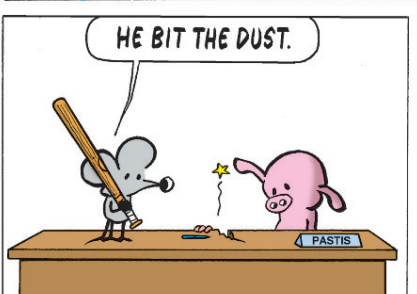
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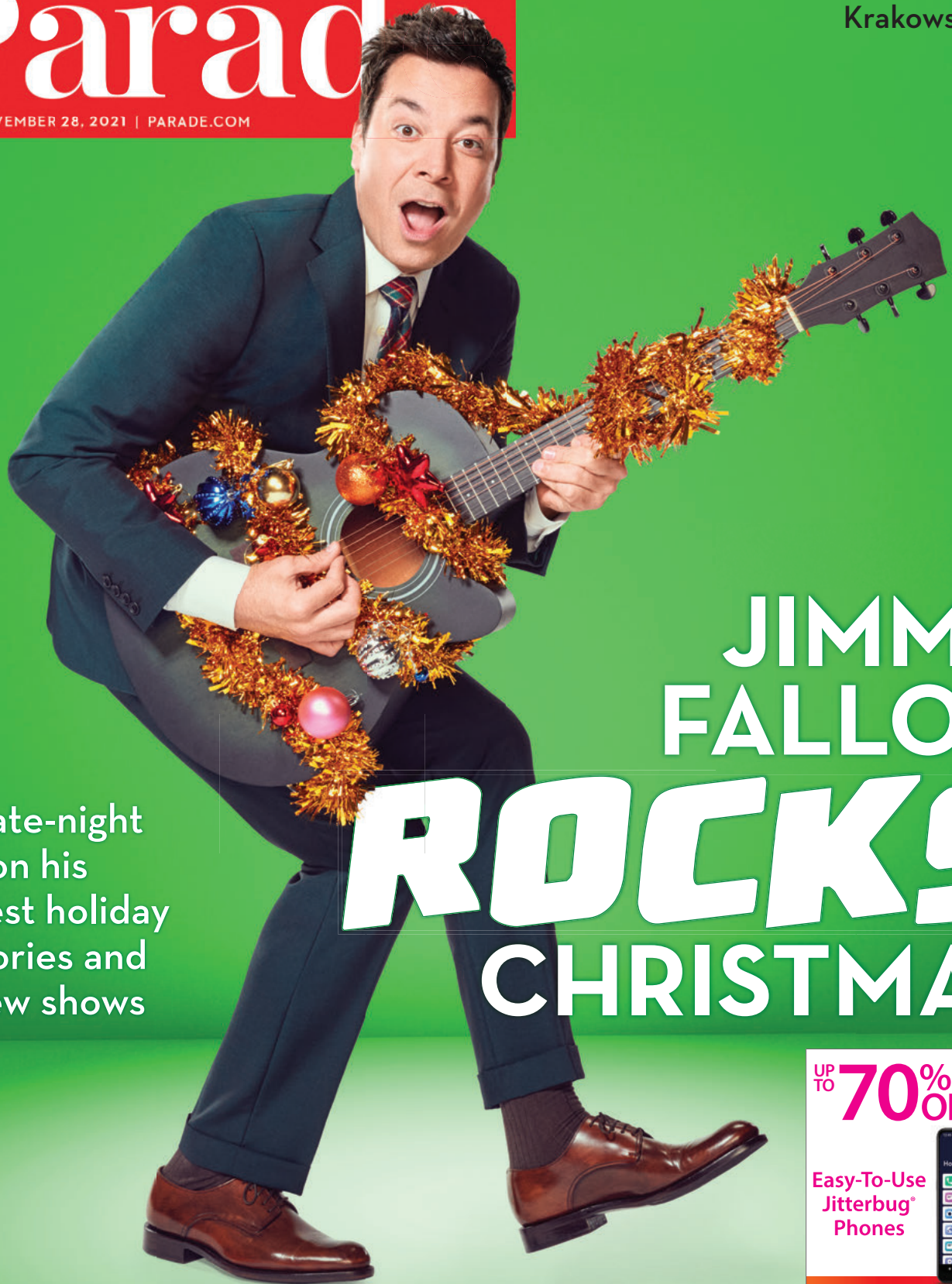




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JANE KRAKOWSKI

The *30 Rock* and *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* star, 53, returns to her Broadway musical theater roots with the holiday production of *Annie Live!* (Dec. 2 on NBC). Krakowski will play Lily St. Regis, the sticky-fingered partner of Rooster Hannigan (Tituss Burgess) in the enduring story about the orphan girl (Celina Smith) who opens the heart of billionaire “Daddy” Warbucks (Harry Connick Jr.).

You began very young in theater. Did you ever audition for *Annie*?

I actually did audition for the original incarnation when it was on Broadway. All these years later I'm getting a chance to be in *Annie*—just not the way I originally expected. It was one of my favorite musicals when I was growing up. I knew every word.

What is the appeal of the duplicitous Lily St. Regis? As the script is being interpreted this time around, Lily is a con artist equal to Rooster. Together they're drawn to the bad side through their own fun and passion, and they sing what I think is one of the great songs from *Annie*, "Easy Street."

Annie is part of NBC's new musical holiday tradition. What's a holiday

tradition of yours? Christmas was always a big deal in my household. We always waited until Christmas morning to open presents. Now I have a 10-year-old son, who is such a negotiator; he's worked some scam that he can open at least one present from me on Christmas Eve, obviously before Santa comes.

Why did you choose to host the Fox revival of *Name That Tune*? Coming from a musical theater family, we used to watch *Name That Tune* all the time in our home and try to outguess each other on who could get it in fewer notes. I liked the idea of doing a show that the whole family can play along with at home. I'm thrilled to say we're making season two.

Why is she not interested in doing drama? Go to **Parade.com/krakowski** to find out.



◀ **Christmas in Tahoe** (Nov. 28, Hallmark)
To save her family hotel's Christmas show, a talent booker (**Laura Osnes**) must ask for help from her ex-boyfriend (**Kyle Selig**), now a famous musician in a er as their manager years ago.



◀ **Miracle in Motor City** (Nov. 28, Lifetime) Amber (**Tia Mowry**) promises to deliver a performance by Motown legend **Smokey Robinson** for her church's annual Christmas pageant.



◀ **Welcome to the Christmas Family Reunion** (Nov. 29, Lifetime) An event planner (**Michelle Argyris**) helps an up-and-coming singer (**Asia'h Epperson**) plan her holiday family reunion.

A Chestnut Family Christmas (Nov. 30, OWN) A talented pastry chef accidentally commits to hosting her family for the holidays and must pose as a wealthy homeowner.

Match Made in Mistletoe (Dec. 1, Lifetime) The holiday heats up when talented interior designer (Natalie Lisinska) is hired by a foreign embassy in D.C. to decorate for their holiday charity ball.



◀ **Single All the Way** (Dec. 2, Netflix)
Peter (**Michael Urie**) convinces his best friend (**Philemon Chambers**) to join him for the holidays and pretend that they're in a romantic relationship. Jennifer Coolidge also stars.

Eight Gifts of Hanukkah (Dec. 3, Hallmark) A woman (Inbar Lavi) journeys to find her secret admirer during Hanukkah.

THE CRUELTY OF CUMBERBATCH

Wealthy and charismatic Montana rancher Phil Burbank (**Benedict Cumberbatch**) inspires fear and awe in those around him, even his brother, George (Jesse Plemons), and George's new bride, Rose (Kirsten Dunst), as he drives them both to tears in the 1920s-set Western ***The Power of the Dog*** (Dec. 1 on Netflix). But then, an unexpected dynamic develops between Rose's son, Peter (Kodi Smit-McPhee), and Phil. Is Phil softening, or is the plot twisting further into menace? "The film is a lesson in how tangled up you can become, how toxic masculinity can become if your true identity is not allowed or tolerated or celebrated or accepted," says Cumberbatch, 45, of his shockingly cruel character.



GAGA FOR TONY BENNETT

One Last Time: An Evening With Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga (Nov. 28 on CBS) will be the final time to see Bennett in concert, as the “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” singer has officially retired. (It was revealed earlier this year that he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 2016.) Filmed at Radio City Music Hall last August to celebrate his 95th birthday, the TV special will feature Bennett and pop superstar **Lady Gaga**, 35, each performing solo songs from the Great American Songbook, then uniting for duets on some of Bennett’s classics. “It’s a gift that I will hold in my heart until my last breath,” Gaga says of singing with Bennett. “My time with Tony has changed me forever.”



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DIANA GABALDON to the Rescue



For those suffering from “Droughtlander”—season six of *Outlander* won’t air on Starz until early 2022—author Diana Gabaldon has just what you need. In *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* (Delacorte Press), \$36, the ninth of 10 planned *Outlander* novels, Jamie and Claire are in the American colonies as the Revolutionary War heads to their doorstep. “[By the end], readers should go from a feeling of profound peace and satisfaction to intense excitement,” the author says. Here, Gabaldon dishes on the fan-favorite couple and which books she recommends.

What have you enjoyed about growing alongside Claire and Jamie? One reason it takes me so long to write these books is that I need to age along with them. I’ll be 70 in January, and I’m a different person than I was at 32 when I started writing *Outlander*. Your perceptions and experiences change and deepen as you get older. And when you’re telling the story of a long-term marriage, this makes a difference.

You’re writing the 10th and final book now. What’s after that? I’m also working on an official prequel dealing with Jamie Fraser’s parents and the Jacobite Rising of 1715.

What can viewers expect when season six airs next year? The show did a wonderful job of sticking close to the material [the sixth *Outlander* book, *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*]. This is, I think, my most favorite season—except for season one, of course, which is special for me.

What books do you recommend most to *Outlander* fans? I have

“The Methadone List” [on dianagabaldon.com] of books I wholeheartedly recommend for people who write to me saying, “What am I supposed to read while I’m waiting for your next book?” It includes titles such as *Plague* by C.C. Humphreys, *The City Stained Red* by Samuel Sykes and *The Secrets of Pain* by Phil Rickman.

What’s your most anticipated book of 2022? *The Starless Crown* [Macmillan, Jan. 4] by James Rollins [about a girl who foresees an apocalypse and a group of outcasts who help her save their world]. It’s his first fantasy novel, and having seen what he can do with a plot, I can’t wait.

What’s your favorite book series? Patrick O’Brian’s Aubrey-Maturin series [nautical historical novels set during the Napoleonic Wars]. Or for a living author, maybe Kim Harrison’s *Hollows* series [a supernatural urban fantasy]. —Megan O’Neill Melle

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JESSICA SEINFELD'S

TASTY FRIED TOFU

This recipe transforms tofu from a health-food standby into a crunchy, indulgent treat. It’s from the new cookbook *Vegan, at Times* by Jessica Seinfeld (yes, Jerry’s wife), which serves up plant-based spins on crowd-pleasing dishes. —Alison Ashton

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To make sauce: In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup **lower-sodium tamari** or **lower-sodium soy sauce**, 2 Tbsp grated peeled **fresh ginger**, 3 Tbsp **barbecue sauce** (for a vegan option, choose one without honey), 3 Tbsp water, 1 Tbsp unseasoned **rice vinegar**, 2 tsp **toasted sesame oil** and, if desired, ¼ tsp **crushed red pepper flakes**.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat ¼ inch **extra-virgin olive oil** over medium-high.

Place ⅔ cup **cornstarch** in a medium bowl. Add tofu pieces; toss to coat. Shake off excess cornstarch. Add tofu, a piece at a time, to oil. Cook 3–4 minutes per side or until a light golden-brown crust forms. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate.

Pour hot oil into a heat-proof container (cool before discarding). Wipe skillet clean with a paper towel. Return to medium heat. Add sauce. Once sauce starts simmering, add tofu; stir to coat. Sauce will quickly thicken to a glaze; stir a few more times to coat tofu. Slide tofu onto a serving plate. Top with 2 **green onions** (white and light green parts), thinly sliced, and 1 Tbsp **toasted sesame seeds**. Serves 4.

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—Gina Romano, San Jose, Calif.

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Fallon's love of music is obvious in two new projects—the celeb song-and-dance competition *That's My Jam* and *Clash of the Cover Bands*, where groups compete by performing classic tunes.

JIMMY FALLON ROCKS CHRISTMAS

The late-night host lights up the holiday season with a slate of new shows and reveals his fondest Christmas memories.

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on *The Tonight Show*.

With the same level of exuberance, Fallon also singles out a photo of himself with his wife, movie producer Nancy Juvonen, at their 2007 wedding on the private Necker Island in the Caribbean—as well as one of his own parents, Gloria and James Fallon Sr., on their big day in Brooklyn. “My mom is in this beautiful wedding dress and my dad is in a tuxedo with a cigarette,” he says. “Like,

Dad, you can’t wait five minutes?!”

This combination of unfailing humor and heart has endeared Fallon, 47, to millions of fans. More than seven years into his plum *Tonight Show* job, the *SNL* alum has made his mark by embracing old-school variety-show-style entertain-

ment. “I like that we mix it up so I can sing a song with someone or dance and do sketches,” he says.

Now he’s branching out beyond late night. Fallon hosts and executive-produces *That’s My Jam* (premiering Nov. 29 on NBC), in which two teams of celebrities face off in music-and-dance-based games. He also oversees *The Kids Tonight Show*, airing weekly on Peacock through Dec. 22, and the E! network’s music competition series *Clash of the Cover Bands*. And just in time for Christmas, the animated

If you think Jimmy Fallon is enthusiastic while hosting *The Tonight Show*, you should see him give a tour of his office.

“This is me brushing my teeth next to Paul McCartney!” he says of a photo on his wall behind his desk. Next, he points to a framed ticket of his final *Saturday Night Live* show from May 2004. He proudly picks up a Rodney Dangerfield Centennial Respect trophy (“I loved Rodney, but this award is heavy, to be honest”), which sits on a cabinet next to a fish tank gifted to him four years ago by his former *SNL* boss, Lorne Michaels. And, whoa, that’s a handwritten note from legend Jerry Lewis, asking him if Lewis can say a profane word as a guest



Blake Shelton, Ariana Grande, Kelly Clarkson and John Legend compete on *That's My Jam*.



How do the Fallons spend the holidays?

We play holiday music all the time. We decorate. The kids [Franny, 6, and Winnie, 8] are very crafty and we make snowflakes. We watch Hallmark movies. And we make this Puerto Rican eggnog called coquito [a coconut-and-rum drink], and once you try that you’ll never go back to regular eggnog again. There are also candy canes and cookies. I really go all in.

special *5 More Sleeps 'til Christmas*, based on his bestselling children's book, aired Nov. 26 on NBC and will run again in December.

Before the holiday crush, Fallon talks to *Parade* about his ghosts of Christmas past, his *Tonight Show* present and his never-been-brighter TV future.

What's it like working in Rockefeller Center during the holidays? It's a mix between magic and chaos. There's the tree, the ice-skating, FAO Schwarz and Saks Fifth Avenue with a light show every half hour. But after a while you go, "Maybe get your own tree?"

Are you a good gift giver? I think so. I always try to throw a couple curve balls, but I try to be thoughtful. Oh, God, I'm just thinking about the time I got my grandma a scent diffuser. She was like 80 years old, and I thought it would be calming. It was terrible. Oh, I had maybe one really serious girlfriend ever and I got her a long flannel nightgown from the Disney Store with Mickey Mouse on it. And we had no connection to Mickey Mouse! I can relive going to the mall and buying it and then seeing her disappointment.

Did you grow up performing for your family? We are a very Irish Catholic family, and my grandparents lived in a little cottage in our backyard. So we would have parties all the time and everyone would be singing and laughing and telling stories. I think at those parties, my parents would ask me to perform something. I actually have a reel-to-reel tape of my parents interviewing me when I was 2. They said, "Oh, Jimmy, do James Cagney," and I go, "You dirty rat!" I did Don Ho too.

But you do have a musical side. When I started out, I only did stand-up comedy. Then in college [at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.], I started adding musical impressions. I would do George Michael at the end of my act, and it was the perfect closer. I can harmonize, but my voice isn't that amazing. And I'd be too embarrassed to write an original serious song.

How obsessed were you with *Saturday Night Live* as a teen? It was my ultimate goal. If I had a birthday cake, I'd blow out



Do you follow childhood traditions from growing up in Saugerties, New York?

Yeah, we still go overboard on decorating the house. We're like two light bulbs away from being the Griswalds [in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*]. And Santa comes, though weirdly Santa came to my house with unwrapped presents and the price tags still on. Now things are wrapped.

the candles and think about *SNL*. Throw a coin in the fountain and wish for *SNL*. In college, I wouldn't go to parties until *SNL* was over.

What was it like to be 24 and on the show of your dreams? I'd come home at like 5 in the morning and wake up at 1 in the afternoon. I'd save everything for the nighttime because that's when I could really shine. That was my life.

Where did *The Kids Tonight Show* idea come from? I have kids and I realized they didn't have anything just for them. Animation is good, but you need to see real humans



What's been your hosting highlight? I've done a sketch with **Carol Burnett** and sang with Chrissie Hynde [of the Pretenders]. And with Bob Dylan. Crazy! I don't know anyone who's done a sketch with Dylan.

FALLON —411—

Movie That Always Makes Me Laugh "*The Pink Panther* with **Peter Sellers** from 1963. It's a super-broad comedy and yet subtly weird. It's just brilliantly done."



Favorite Thing About New York "When you walk to work, which I do all the time, you can see hundreds of different human beings. And everyone's got a story."

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Watching "I'm still watching *Ozark* on Netflix because I don't want it to end."

Reading *A Confederacy of Dunces*

Sitcom Guilty Pleasure "*Taxi*. It's a beautiful show because it was funny and kind of sad. You had a real roller-coaster experience."



Best Gift "A Nintendo cartridge. And I got the movie *The Big Chill* on VHS when I was 13 and I ended up loving it."



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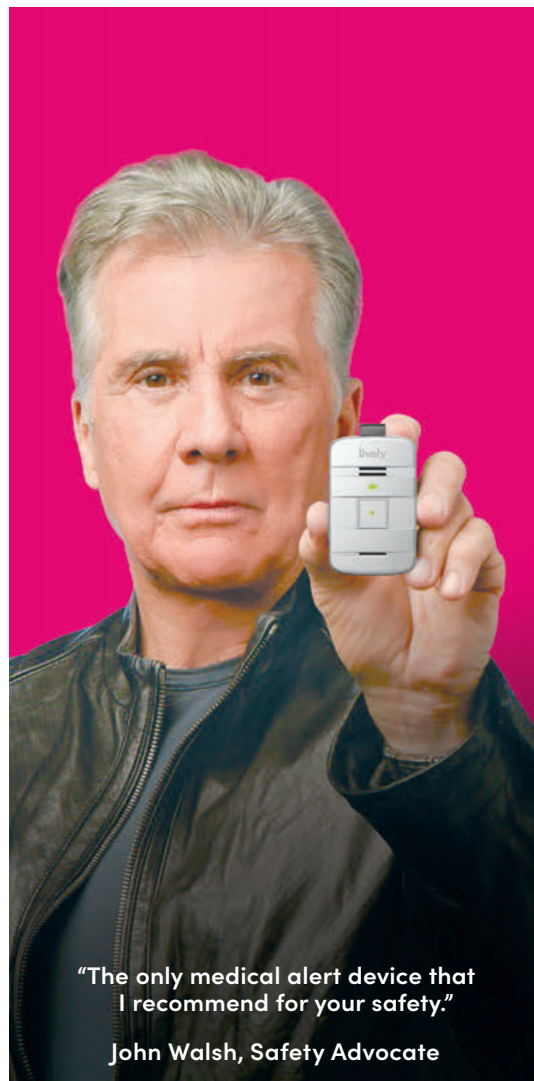
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out there doing silly things. When I was growing up, I had *Kids Incorporated* and *The Mickey Mouse Club* with actual kids and teenagers.

Why aren't your daughters on the show? They're funny for a little bit, but anytime you ask them to do something they won't do it. "Can you say, 'Welcome to *The Tonight Show*'?" and they'll go, "Boooooo."



Looking back, are you now embarrassed about anything in your career? Thousands of things! Right now, I'd say my haircuts from when I did "Weekend Update" on *Saturday Night Live* [from 2000 to 2004]. It was a whole thing and so embarrassing. I grew a mullet and flipped the bottom out, almost like Paul McCartney from when he was in Wings. But you have to have Paul McCartney's face to pull that off.

Has fatherhood changed you?

Well, if I ever went to a bar now it would be because it has a good burger. But I think I'm a little less hyper, a bit more understanding and I understand things are going to be OK. And my hours! Now I look forward to the mornings and I want to live as much of the day as I possibly can.



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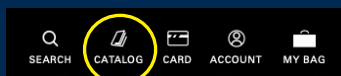
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